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Jeremy McGrath (Yam) won the Sheffield Supercross in Sheffield, England, on October 16. **Larry Ward**, making his Kawasaki debut, finished second, followed by **Mike Brown** (Hon).

In his first outing on a KTM, three-time 500cc World MX Champion **Joel Smets** won a major motocross event in Leirop, Holland, on October 17. Smets won both motos on the four-stroke KTM, while Husqvarna rider **Jacky Martens** finished second.

With just 50 championship points available in the final two rounds, Repsol Honda's **Alex Criville** and **Tadayuki Okada** are the final two riders in the 500cc World Championship with a mathematical chance of winning the title. Criville leads Okada by 44 points, and will likely take the title when the series resumes on October 24 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "I've suffered a lot over the last two races," said Criville. "I hurt my hand when I crashed during practice for the Australian Grand Prix. Then, for the first day of practice in South Africa, I came down with a bad case of flu that lasted until Sunday. I was totally spent at the end of that race. I really couldn't push anymore so I preferred to make sure of a good finish and some points. Considering how bleak things looked after my crash in Australia, I really don't think I can be unhappy with the way they've turned out. I don't like to talk or even think about this, but I now have to consider that I might be World Champion in Brazil. It would be great to make certain of the title there. The only rival I have left is Tady (Okada)... and if he wins I only need to finish 10th to be World Champion. On paper, the situation looks really simple. But I know only too well how quickly things can start to get complicated. The Jacarepagua track was designed for car racing. I haven't ridden there since 1996 and that year it was very slippery. So this track is a bit of an unknown quantity, but both the bike and the Respol Honda team are working really well at the moment. There's nothing to worry about on that score."

French Canadian road racer **Pascal Picotte** has signed a four-year contract that will see him on factory Harley-Davidson VR1000s through 2004. Picotte recently completed his second season on the factory Harley, ending the season with a best-ever second place in the season finale at Pikes Peak International Raceway in Fountain, Colorado. Picotte was also considering an offer to join the Vance & Hines Ducati team for 2000.

Motocrossers **Travis Preston** and **Takeshi Koikeda** have earned the Top Privateer awards in the 1999 U.S. Tobacco Company Privateer Challenge for the AMA/Mazda Truck 125/250cc National Motocross Series. Preston earned the award for the 125cc class by being the top privateer in four events, earning a total of $10,500 in U.S. Tobacco money. Koikeda was the top 250cc privateer in two races to earn $9000.

Ground breaking for the construction of the **Caribbean's first-ever motorsports facility** took place on September 28, led by the prime minister of Aruba, Carlo J.H.A. Eman, and Ralph Sanchez, president of Motorsports Americas, Inc. The 2.7-mile, 14-turn road course will be built to FIA standards for Formula One cars and is expected to be completed in September 2000. The track is a joint venture between the Government of Aruba, Colorado Hills, N.V., Sanchez and other investors. "This is the beginning of a new journey for Aruba," Eman said at the ground breaking. "This facility will provide new focus for us on the world stage, attracting tourists from around the globe. We in Aruba feel that the new **Aruba Motorsports Complex** and its surrounding area will increase the attractiveness of our already famed island by creating a fantastic destination for those internationally oriented people who want to relax, but, who at the same time, enjoy the kind of excitement that only world-class racing can provide." Sanchez isn't new to motorsports. He is the man behind the Miami Grand Prix and the builder of the Homestead Motorsports Complex in Florida. Already scheduled for the race track's debut season is the CART PPG-Dayton Indy Lights Championship finale, the SCCA BF Goodrich Tires Trans-Am Series and the opening round of the 2001 American Le Mans Series.

The **Kawasaki** road race team is all set for 2000, with former Muzzy and Vance & Hines tuner **Gary Medley** the latest to join the squad. Medley will serve as the crew chief for Doug Chandler, according to team manager Mike Preston. In addition to Medley, Chandler's team will consist of mechanics Nick Allen and Matt Worbess, while former Miguel DuHamel tuners Al Ludington and Joey Lombardo will take care of Eric Bostrom's Kawasakis. Jun Suganuma will serve as the team's suspension specialist. Preston is expecting to be moved into the team's new facility in Irvine, California, in two to three weeks, and the team has already received a "few new superbikes and a few new 600s," Preston said. Preston also said that Chandler will compete in selected AMA 600cc Supersport races, including Daytona and Laguna Seca. The team is also hoping to test prior to the annual Dunlop test at Daytona International Speedway in December.

Ernie Beckman, a member of the Indian Wrecking Crew of the 1950s, died at his home on October 17 at the age of 76. Beckman is a member of the AMA Hall of Fame, the National Motorcycle Hall of Fame, the Indian Motorcycles Hall of Fame and the Charity Newsies Hall of Fame.

The **1999 RM Cup Challenge**, held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada, will air on **espn2** on Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m. (Eastern). The one-hour show will feature the epic battle between Paul Currie and Travis Pastrana in the 125cc Pro class. The 1999 GSX-R Cup Final will also be seen on espn2 on Sunday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern).

Gas Gas North America, Inc. has finalized its **off-road racing team** for 2000. National Enduro and Reliability Enduro Series contenders include Terry Cunningham (team manager), Clay Boreing, Matt Stavish, Nolan Knight, and Nathan Knight. Blair Bersano will focus on the Grand National Cross Country Series. Regional riders include Frank Ramey III, Matt Joachim, David Crain, Steve Vanzant, Jay Hall, Craig Hayes and George Waller Jr.

Gaerne is now accepting racer resumes for the 2000 season. Resumes for both road and off-road competition can be mailed or faxed to the following address: Gaerne America/Attn: Racer Support, 13640 Imperial Hwy, Suite 5, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, fax 562/404-4809.

Vintage Hamill qualifies in Italy

Californian Billy Hamill traveled to Italy for the most important race of his season, knowing there would be no sympathy vote this time around should he fail to make the cut. But Hamill didn't need anyone's pity, because he trampled the opposition underfoot like so many crushed grapes to win the Speedway Grand Prix Challenge in Lonigo, Italy, on October 17, in vintage Hamill fashion.

Each time he came off the start line, Hamill was ready to do battle before the 30-yard mark, his determination visible in every shift on the saddle as he worked and worked his bike through the turns. Mikael Karlsson ended up second, like Hamill, finally finding success, and he's booked a return ticket to the Grands Prix for 2000.

Transferring along with Hamill and Karlsson was Carl Stonehewer, who rides in the second division in the British League.

John Hipkiss

Sources in Europe say that GP motocrosser **Darryll King** has been offered a Kawasaki ride in America for the 2000 season. King's other option is a position on the Dave Grant-run Husqvarna team in the World Championship 500cc MX Series.

Vintage Iron World Championship update: On Thursday, October 28, Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, the site of the VIWC on October 31, will host "Carburetor Day." This will be a Vintage/Evolution-only practice on last year's track (also known as the REM track), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next day, Friday, October 29, there will be an Open House at Vintage Iron's new location in Yorba Linda, California, until 7 p.m. On Saturday, October 30, there will be a practice session on the National track, beginning at 12 p.m., and directly following there will be a barbecue hosted by No Fear's Marty Moates, the first American rider to win the 500cc U.S. GP, at Carlsbad. Gary Jones, Jim Pomeroy, Danny LaPorte and Brad Lackey are also scheduled to appear. This year's VIWC races will be held on Glen Helen's National track, and the event will include a raffle for a restored 1973 CZ 250. All proceeds will go directly to Craig Anderson, who recently lost his legs in a work-related accident. For more information on the raffle, call 760/744-8052. Also, free camping is available at Glen Helen over the course of the weekend. For more information about the Vintage Iron World Championships, call 714/694-0066.

Neda Brokaw, 96, died at her home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, recently. She and her husband Paul owned a motorcycle dealership in Iowa during the early post-war era, and later moved to Southern California where Paul was appointed editor of Motorcyclist Magazine. Neda worked at the magazine as associate editor. The Brokaws later owned another motorcycle dealership in Colorado Springs.

Motocross professor **Gary Bailey** is offering a $250 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person who removed the magnetic sponsor logos from his truck in Las Vegas recently. For more information, call 540/650-1759.

The **Sunset Ramblers MX Park** in Galion, Ohio, will host its 1999 season's points finale on October 24 with over $1000 up for grabs. For more information, call 419/562-6931.

Harry Molenaar, 87, died on October 1. Molenaar was a Harley-Davidson dealer for 56 years and also owned Illiana Speedway in Merrillville, Indiana.

Pirelli has announced that its new line of mini motocross tires have been chosen for original equipment fitment on both the Cobra and Gas-Gas mini bikes for the 2000 model year.

Tom Mueller, the president of Sports Management, Inc., has been included as a contributing author to "TV Sponsorship in America," a 225-page book. Mueller's contribution to the book overviews a sponsorship program that brought Beer Nuts snack food into AMA dirt track racing on espn2.

Dana Bell, the AMA Western states representative, left that post on October 15 to accept a position with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conversation Council (NOHVCC). Bell will serve as the council's program development coordinator, helping off-highway vehicle activists' nationwide work with government to develop and improve off-highway vehicle programs. "This opportunity is going to allow me to focus exclusively on off-highway recreation, which is where I really have my expertise," Bell said. "I have the highest regard for the AMA, in particular our government relations department. The opportunities and experience I have gotten through the AMA have allowed me to step into this new job." Bell has served as the AMA's Western states representative for six years.

The sixth annual **Legends of Chicagoland Motorcycle Racing Brunch** will be held on November 28 at

the Hillside Holiday Inn in Hillside, Illinois, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, call 773/282-2176.

Eagle One will sponsor the **Shav Glick Award** for distinguished achievement in motor racing by a Californian, according to Eagle One. The award is named for the motor sports columnist of the Los Angeles Times and will be presented annually. The award will be given for the first time next spring at the NASCAR Napa Auto Parts 500 at California Speedway in Fontana, California. Glick has reported on motor racing for the Times for 36 years, covering auto racing, motorcycle racing and boat racing.

The last one? The Portuguese government of **Macau** has decided to hold the Macau Grand Prix for the final time, November 18-21. A team from the U.S. will compete, featuring Mark Miller, Chuck Graves and Grant Lopez. Last year, those three finished fourth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Be sure to check out this issue's National Championship calendar at the back of the newspaper for the new AMA schedules for the **2000 national off-road series**. Tentative schedules are printed for the enduro, hare and hound, and the hare scrambles series.

Check out Cannondale's website (www.cannondale.com) for a **brief video** of its new four-stroke motocrosser in action. The clip closes with the kicker "Cannondale: Some things are worth waiting for." The wait was for the download with our archaic computers, but the video is cool (though not as cool as a test bike would be).

From the "for those who just **can't get enough moto**" department, Southern California's Hungry Valley SVRA presents the MX Olympics, November 20-21. The event will include a Grand Prix on Saturday, but the real endurance is on Sunday, which features two motocross motos and two supercross motos. How many classes will you enter? For more information, call 661/294-0020.

Moto-Ventures is now offering what appears to be a unique **trials-riding school** in Southern California. The one-day classes are taught on late-model Gas Gas trials bikes, but many of the techniques would also prove helpful to off-roaders or even MXers. According to company owner Gary LaPlante, some of the classes focus on trials technique, while others are simply a means of enjoying scenery that could otherwise be accessed only on foot. For more information, call 909/584-9560, or check out www.motoventures.com on the World Wide Web.

Dual-sport and dirt-bike riders who'd like to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association can do so by participating in **Off-Road for Hope II**, a 100-plus-mile dual sport ride and "very unique desert round up for dirt bikes." The event will be held in Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation Area on February 4-6, 2000 (a poker run is planned for Friday evening as well), and will be organized by the San Diego Off-Road Coalition. All proceeds will benefit MDA. For more information, call 858/492-9792.

CRC will kick off the 11th Annual **Galpin Ford Sponsorship Series** on October 4 at Star West in Moreno Valley, California. The five-race series will take place at Star West, Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale, California, Edwards Air Force Base in Rosamond, California, Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino and again at LACR. For more information, call 661/272-8889.

NIKS Pro-X will posting over $22,000 in contingency for the 1999-2000 AMA National Arenacross Series, according to NIKS. For more information, call 888/ITS-NIKS.

Francis Petty, longtime dirt track tuner and past president of Gripsters MC, underwent open-heart surgery on October 18 at St. Judes Hospital in Fullerton, California. Cards and letters can be sent to 7582 E. 11th Street, Buena Park, CA 90621.

Innovation Training Systems is currently accepting resumes for the 2000 racing season. Resumes can be sent to Kirk Layfield at 1802 Biscayne Drive, Orlando, FL 32804.

Road racer and home theater buff **Mark Miller** called to let motorcycle movie fans know that **"On Any Sunday"** is now available on DVD. "It's really cool," Miller said. "There's a tribute to Steve McQueen, it's been digitally remastered and there's an interview with Bruce Brown (the director of the movie)."

Roy Denner, of Lakeside, California, an off-highway enthusiast for the past 29 years, recently received the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission's prestigious Superior Achievement "Best Volunteer of the Year" award during ceremonies in Lakeside.

OPENED: PACE Motor Sports' Arenacross/Ultracross/Freestyle MX/road racing/dirt track office, at 2501 Parkview Dr., Ste. 105, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The new phone number is 817/332-4822, and the fax number is 817/332-5633. PACE will continue to operate its Supercross activities from its Aurora, Illinois, office.

Bostrom to World Superbike

Californian Ben Bostrom (right), the 1998 AMA Superbike Champion and 1999 series runner-up, signed a contract on Monday, October 18 with Ducati Corse to race as Carl Fogarty's Performance Ducati teammate in the 2000 World Superbike Championship.

"I am going," Bostrom said on October 18, just five days after getting the offer via a phone call from Italy in the wee hours of October 13. "I'll sign something today and send it back today."

Bostrom's deal is for two years, with Ducati hoping that the 25-year-old former dirt tracker can prove a quick study from Fogarty and learn the tracks in 2000, then make a run for the World Superbike title in 2001.

"I'm so excited. I can't wait," Bostrom said. "I'm going over there for a test on November 11 at Imola (Italy)."

The deal throws a wrench into the Vance & Hines Ducati team's plans for next year, as Bostrom was expected to lead the squad in 2000. Now it appears as though the team will consist of Australian Troy Bayliss, who raced in the British Superbike Series this year on a factory Ducati, and former Yoshimura Suzuki rider Steve Rapp. That pairing was confirmed by team owner Vance on Monday, October 18 as *Cycle News* went to press.

"Terry (Vance) gave me his best wishes," Bostrom said of his conversation with his former team owner. "I know I have some unfinished business to take care of here, but I think I made the right decision."

Bostrom won the 1998 AMA Superbike title on a Honda RC45 and finished runner-up in '99 on the Vance & Hines Ducati. Along the way, he won one leg and finished second in the other during the Laguna Seca round of the World Superbike Series in July, attracting the attention of the Ducati factory. Ironically, for the majority of the 1999 season it was Bostrom's Vance & Hines teammate Anthony Gobert who was being tipped to get the second Ducati World Superbike ride for 2000.

"I would have done the same thing if I were Ducati," Vance said on October 18. "I work for Ducati and if it's in the best interest of Ducati then it's okay with me. I'm looking forward to working with Troy (Bayliss). I hear that he's a really good guy."

CORRECTION: Last week's issue stated that road racer John Hopkins had left for Italy to compete in an Aprilia Cup Challenge race. That was incorrect; Hopkins was in fact racing in the WERA Grand National Final at Road Atlanta, where he won the 600cc class and finished second in the 750cc class.

OPENED: Mototek Imports Ltd.'s motorcycle showroom and store in Round Rock, Texas. For more information, call 512/218-4466.

CORRECTION: The results for the Fernley, Nevada, Old Timers National in Issue #40 (October 13) were incorrect. The winner of the Plus-30 Beginner class was actually Casey Walls.

CORRECTION: The correct address for AGV, Inc. is P.O. Box 489, Buckeystown, MD 21717.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Pro Italia Motors in Glendale, California, on October 23. Vance & Hines Ducati's Ben Bostrom and Fast Dates model Tiffany Gramza are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 818/249-5707.

SIGNED: An endorsement contract between Kawasaki Motor Corp. and Factory Effex, a graphics company, for the 2000 AMA Supercross and National Motocross Championship Series, according to a release from Factory Effex.

CHANGED: The date of the CCS Florida season finale at Homestead, to December 11-12. The event was originally scheduled for December 4-5. For more information, call 561/793-3394.

SIGNED: An agreement between Maxxis Tires and PACE Motor Sports, making Maxxis the official light truck tire of the 2000 AMA EA Sports Supercross Series.

OPENED: BRP's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at following address: http://www.brpit.com. CN

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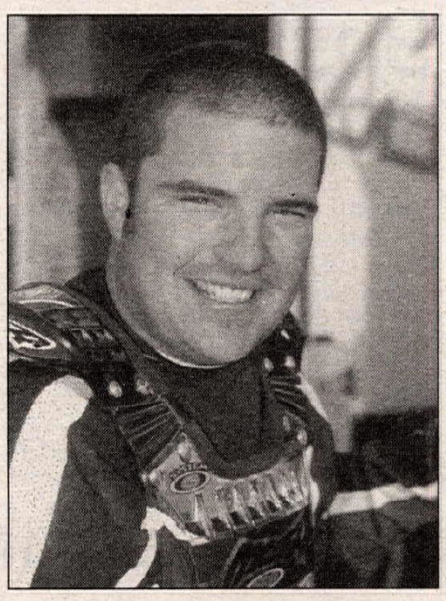

Off-road racer Dave Ondas

Good Ondas

At the recent AMA National Hare and Hound in Wendover, Nevada, factory ATK rider Joey Lanza had a horrific crash just after the start of the race. Joey was tangled up and trapped under his bike when Team Green's Dave Ondas came along and took the time to lift the bike off of Joey and ride him back to the nearest EMS. Unfortunately for Dave, this took too much time and forced him out of the race. This type of sportsmanship is what makes Dave Ondas a true class champion.

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Del Mar kudos

I just got back from attending the Del Mar weekend. The Del Mar Concours d'Elegance was better than ever, with most of the major manufacturers and the aftermarket companies present. The vintage and antique show was second to none.

It was a thrill to see Evel Knievel again, and the Skip van Leeuwen short track races were action packed. Sunday's Grand National was also good, and Nicky Hayden's charge at the end was impressive. Thanks to Scott Parker for his many years of excitement, professionalism and kindness to my family and myself. You once again proved you are the best and a true champion - you will be missed.

Jim Molloy
Eastchester, NY

Kudos II

We just returned from Del Mar and can't say enough good things about the entire event. It was clean, it was organized and it was entertaining all the way through. I've been involved with motorcycles for over 30 years, and I've never enjoyed myself more.

On the upside, what an incredible final mile for Scott Parker. What a great way to leave the sport. It's also hard to believe that Nicky Hayden isn't going to dirt track fulltime next year - the kid gave the most awesome come-from-behind run I've ever seen. All the racers were accessible for photos and autographs, including 103-year-old Jim Davis. Did I mention the Legends? We spent over four hours looking at beautiful vintage bikes, and there were lots of exhibitor booths, with my son getting tons of free stuff.

On the downside, there's the sad losses of Toby Jorgensen, Davey Camlin and the grave injury to Kevin Atherton, plus the final race for Scotty Parker, and the dwindling fields for AMA dirt track racing.

I agree wholeheartedly with Rod Lake ("Voices," Issue #40, October 13) that dirt track racing is one of the most awesome motor sports - but it really needs help. I'm willing to assist (drop me an e-mail, Rod, I'm right up the road from you), and hope that all the others who love dirt track are too. Let's stop the bickering amongst ourselves and get this sport the exposure it deserves (it's much more exciting than NASCAR or NHRA, though I like them both as well). I remember the overflowing stands at San Jose many years ago - we really should be able to get the attendance back up, as well as growing the fields. The AMA really needs to give this attention.

Thanks to the Agajanians, all the racers and the sponsors. You should be proud of a job well done.

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The Go-Show

The Go-Show, No-Show, Dope-Show may have won five races this year, but he lost six, and he only finished third in the season point standings. If racing in the U.S. was so easy, why did he lose six races? Oh, wait, it was only five races because he was "hurt" for the last race. I can't wait until next year when I can boo Gobert during the Grand Prix race at Elkhart Lake. That's if he makes it through the GP season without getting into trouble for something that he does - "but it's not his fault." The only people who will be glad to see the Dope-Show back in the U.S. will be the Wisconsin bar owners.

Dave Merkes
Chicago, IL

Harley and the AMA

Your recent remarks regarding the ruling allowing Harley to run 1200cc machines against the competition's 1000cc machines in the SuperTracker class was, in my opinion, off the mark. If you think Harley-Davidson doesn't dictate the AMA's actions, you need a reality check. If you recall back in the mid-to-late '70s when the Hondas were blowing the Harleys off the track (in particular, Bubba Shobert), the AMA (read H-D) required Honda to carry additional weight. When that didn't work, they restricted the carburetor size. In effect, they legislated them uncompetitive. On the short tracks, the Harleys were allowed to run 350s against 250cc two-strokes (with less-than-successful results).

Go further back and you see that non-Harleys were limited to 500cc vs. the Harley's 750cc - under the argument that overhead-valve engines had a horsepower advantage, and it wasn't until Harley brought out its own OHV 750 that the competitors were allowed to up their displacement. If the Harleys prove to be uncompetitive in the new class, even with the 200cc displacement advantage, you will soon see weight penalties and carb restrictions for the other brands.

The AMA and Harley-Davidson are joined at the hip, and they will not tolerate a level playing field.

Glenn A. Goodman
Byron, GA

Good race

A raise of my glass to the Viewfinders MC for putting on a most enjoyable Grand Prix. The 11-mile Glen Helen course contained a great mixture of motocross, desert, pavement, sandwashes and even enough dust to help us old desert racers catch up. It was a fun course and a well-organized event. Weekends like this are a great reason to come out and get involved with the Big 6 Grand Prix Series.

A special thanks to the two club members who helped me pull my bike back up on the race course after I rode

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ON THE FRONT COVER

Rodney Smith continues to rack up AMA National Championships. This time it's his second GNCC Series title. Photo by Geoff Meyer.

off the side of a mountain in race three on lap three (I've got to remember to pass on the inside). See you at the races.

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No race

I am writing to back up the letter that was written by R.W. Trigueros. While it is a good thing that PACE is doing the best they can to expose our sport to the mainstream audience, it sometimes disturbs me in the fashion they are doing it. Why is there a trend to do away with the Florida dates of both supercross and motocross? Is Daytona next? We all cannot help but think this since it is the only supercross/motocross event left that is not run by PACE.

Florida has some of the best and fastest racers in the country (Ricky Carmichael, Paul Currie, James Stewart, Ronnie Renner - just to name a few). Every weekend at the local races the pits are full. There are a lot of fans and racers who want to see the best in the world race in our state. PACE needs to represent all of our needs, and Florida is one of them. Bring back some races to Florida.

Chris Marlin
Weirsdale, FL

While PACE Motor Sports does handle the Supercross Series, it doesn't have anything to do with the AMA National Motocross Championship... Editor

Controversy in Colorado

We were very disappointed with your coverage of the AMA Superbike National in Fountain, Colorado - especially when you wrote that Mat Mladin had won a "well-deserved title." This, after he intentionally thwarted Ben Bostrom's "flying lap." He waited for Ben to come out of pit row (lying in wait to ambush) and then drove in front of him to stop him from completing a normal qualifying lap. The run was destroyed. In your words, "Bostrom, however, never got the opportunity to respond (to Mladin's) earlier lap time." In other words, Bostrom wasn't able to compete.

This situation is entirely analogous to the case wherein Tanya Harding's security guard whacked Nancy Kerrigan's knee so that she could not compete in the Olympics. In that case, Harding was banned from the sport for life. In this case, Mladin blocked Bostrom so that he could not compete in his last qualifying lap. For this, Mladin should receive a similar fate. At the minimum, he should have been disqualified from competing in that race (essentially, what he did to Ben in the qualifying session), and then the chips let fall where they may for the title - with Mladin getting only the points he earned prior to the incident.

Based on your coverage, it seems that Mladin's complaints about the Vance & Hines team were not valid. The AMA race official was quoted as saying, "no rules were broken." In other words, Ben didn't deserve this unsportsmanlike treatment.

And where was the AMA in all of this? Losing a point for pole was a slap on the wrist. Compare that with being banned for life. Mladin should have been disqualified, and Ben should have been able to rerun his "flying lap." Two considerations any governing body has to make in meting out punishment are: is it appropriate for the act committed, and is it enough to deter future acts of the same ilk? Losing one point for barring a competitor from competing seems like very small punishment indeed. So don't be surprised if the tactic is tried again. You'll notice that no one else in ice skating has tried whacking knees again.

When I saw Mladin gesturing and celebrating winning the title, it made me sick. How does he like being in the same company with Tanya Harding's goons? I hope he likes living with it. That's what he's done for himself.

Jim Robinson
San Rafael, CA

Comparing Mladin's actions with a blatant act of violence is a bit extreme. Despite the controversy of the final qualifying session of the season, we'll still argue that Mladin's title was well-deserved... Editor.

Still not motorcycle news?

Jeff Emig getting fired from Kawasaki is motorcycle news to the motorcycling world because he was fired from a motorcycle racing team - not because he smoked pot. His personal judgement to smoke when he knew he might be tested is no more than foolish. Surely, Kawasaki used this as an excuse to do what they already wanted to do. The explained reason (pot) is a private, not public issue, and should have remained between Jeff and Kawasaki.

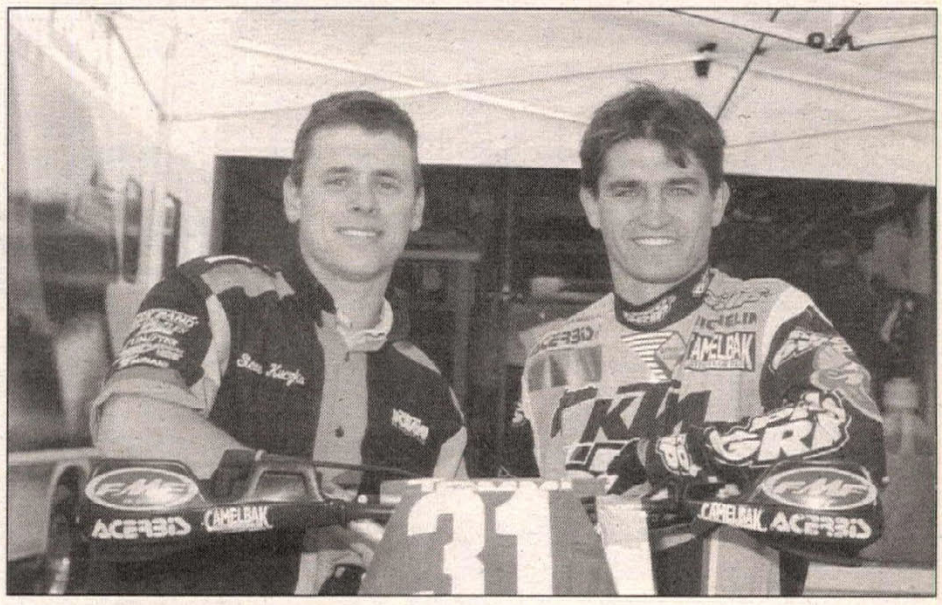
News, as being practiced today, is not more than sensationalism to grab our limited and eager focus for a brief moment. In an era where everything is "news" and far too many of our society don't have a "life," we seek anything that will fill the personal void. Not to mention that news reporters are not interested in keeping us informed, but only in generating income - the almighty dollar. Therefore, in this atmosphere, the right to privacy is held near and dear to my heart. Many of us might appreciate this, one day, when we (God forbid) make a mistake.

In a recent *Cycle News*, Wade Wallace of Greenwood, Indiana, wrote, "I wonder where all the Kurt Liebmann defenders will be now that another motorcycle hero stands on the brink of trouble." Well, Wade, I'm right here. And I will continue to be a defender of Kurt Liebmann and anyone else who has his private life bared in a public forum. And I will support Jeff Emig when he is handled harshly for such an infraction. Hell, we elected a President who smoked pot, and are about to elect another one who has done cocaine.

Back to square one. What they do is their business. How they do their jobs and relate to the rest of us is our business. In your commentary, Wade, you stated: "...and that may be none of my business..." Guess what, Wade? You're right.

Mike Cecchini
Bethesda, MD

Since Cecchini, the editor of Bimota News USA, continues to rehash the issue, we can report that Liebmann pleaded guilty on October 12 to child endangerment and will be sentenced to a five-year prison term next month. "He (Liebmann) admits what he did was wrong, and now he's able to put that behind him," Liebmann's attorney Robert Galantucci was quoted as saying in the Bergen Record... Editor



Shane Watts (right) and his mechanic, Steve Kuzko

Good Watts

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Shane Watts. I was very impressed - not just by his fantastic riding ability, but by his personality. He and all the people he brought with him were, without a doubt, the nicest individuals I had ever met. If all the riders were as pleasant as this group of Aussies, motorcycling would benefit greatly.

KTM has landed a winner in more ways than one.

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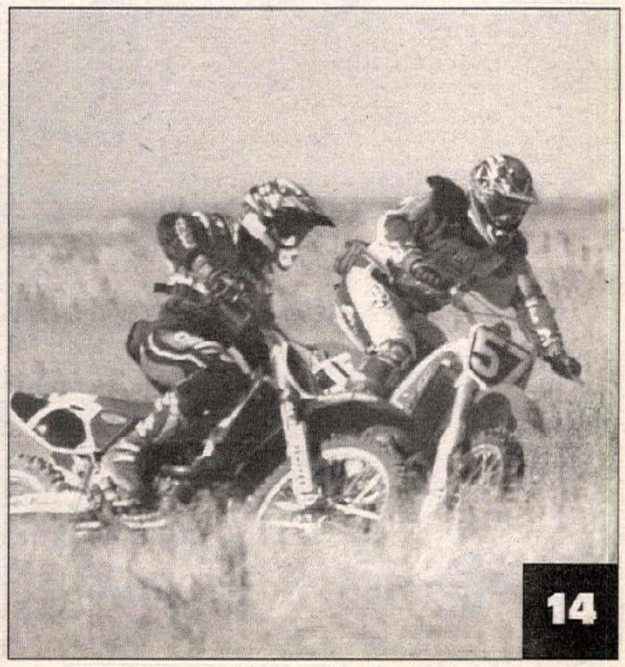

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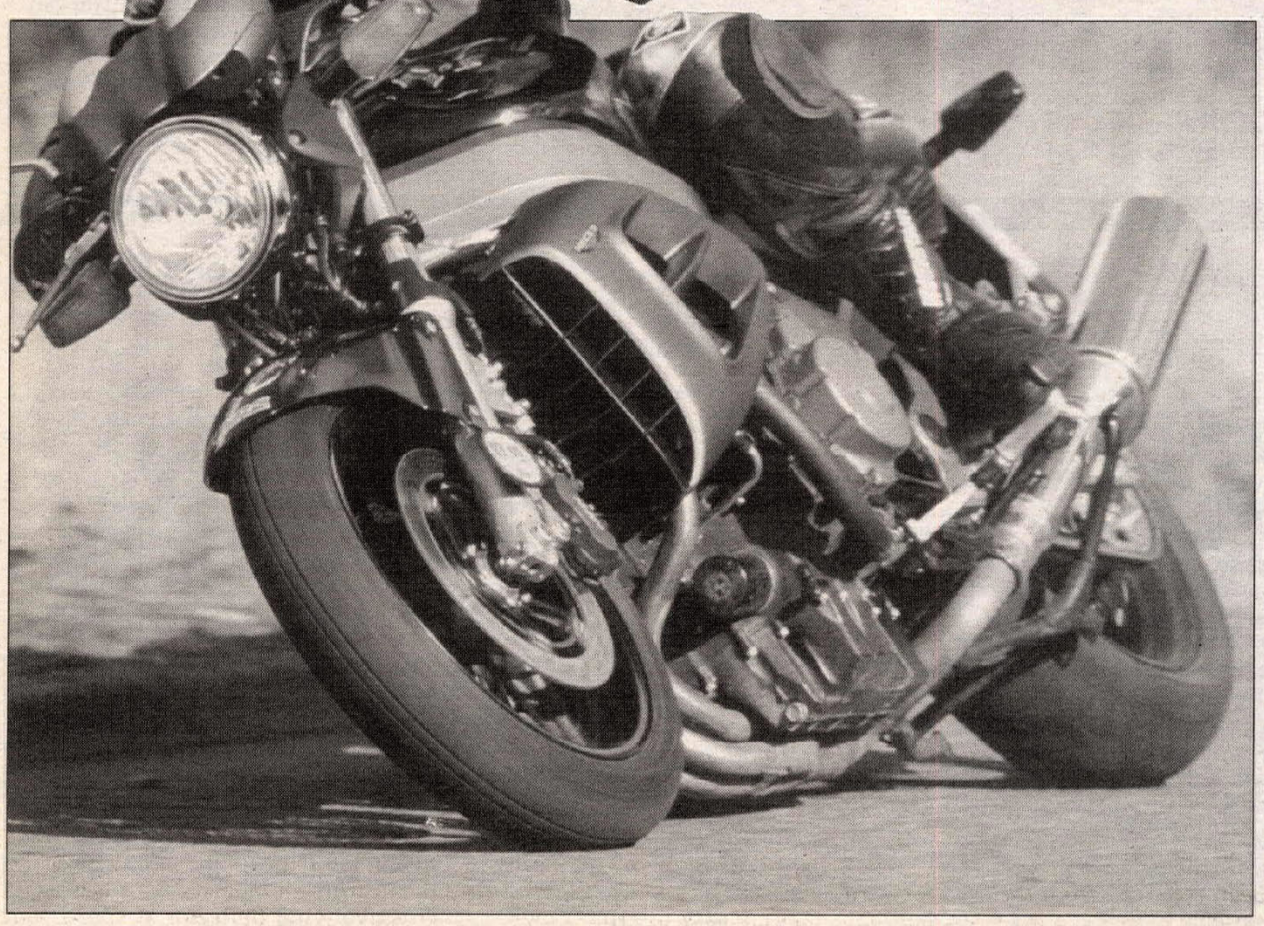


(Above) Open 'er up and you'll discover 140 "horses" (at 9000 rpm) inside the X11's in-line four motor, chomping at the bit to ruin your new back tire. (Left) The huge plastic shroud for the twin oil and water radiators dominates the X11's looks from most angles.

By Alan Cathcart
Photos by Phil Masters

The first of the five new 2000 models from Honda to enter production is the X11 - a Europe-only (at least to begin with) model now in dealer showrooms. It's a new kind of addition to the naked-bike market that's in every way a next-Millenium motorcycle. For in concocting a Sport Nudie that self-consciously attempts to rewrite the how-to design manual for big-bore musclebikes, Honda has created a Super Blackbird spin-off that marries space-age styling with sportbike performance. A Firebird X11, anyone?

This is no retro-styled twin-shock roadster like the Yamaha XJR1200 or Kawasaki ZXR1100, but Honda management's next-century answer to the longest-lived and almost certainly most-profitable big-bore model its Yamaha rivals ever created, the V-Max muscle-rod. The V-Max made its debut back in 1984, and still commands a ready market, as well as loads of street credibility and lots of respect.

Why it's taken Honda 15 years to respond to the V-Max's sales figures is a bit of a mystery, but they have made a few attempts over the past decade and a half - without success. Models like the

Rottweiler

The X11 is a new kind of musclebike for the next millennium.

CB1000 Big One they tried to do it with before suffered from an identity crisis; aiming to be either muscularly modern or radically retro, they tried to be a bit of both, and ended up being neither.

Looking at the X11 glowering menacingly in the autumn sunshine, you get the impression of a barely housetrained Rottweiler of a motorcycle - a motorcycle that might have been developed as an after-hours project by a bunch of Honda R&D engineers. Perhaps they were eager to produce a street-fighter spin-off from their CBR1100XX speed tourer, by the simple expedient of stripping off the pointy-nose bodywork and getting radical with the styling crayons. If so, the boys done good, as they've offered a new kind of musclebike for the next millennium. Meet Max Rottweiler - the cranked-up canine, fresh from obedience classes and ready to do your bidding, which the X11 will readily perform at the turn of a key and the twist of a wrist - so much easier than yanking on a leash. In fact, the new Honda is surprisingly docile at low revs, proving a more adept city bike than expected, even in wet conditions, when you might treat the 140 hp on tap at 9000 rpm at the crank (around 125 hp at the rear Michelin Macadam) with more than a little caution. No need to, really, though, because in transforming the CBR1100XX into the X11, Honda has done more than simply perform a striptease on the styling.

The Blackbird's fuel-injected 1137cc DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder engine has been revamped electronically, with its integrated engine management system's fuel-injection and ignition programs remapped to provide extra midrange torque at the expense of top-end power - and the ram air introduced alongside EFI on the latest Blackbird jettisoned for this unfaired version. In addition to the three-way catalyst incorporated as standard in the 4-2-1-2 stainless-steel exhaust, environmental considerations are further catered to by the addition of air-injection into the exhaust ports to burn off excess emissions, and an oxygen sensor in the exhaust to optimize air/fuel settings on the EFI, all enabling the X11 to breeze past the tough new EURO-1 anti-pollutant regulations. Maybe they should have painted it green, not black (though you can have it in red or blue, if you want).

There's the same anti-knock sensor on the EFI as on the CBR1100XX, to detect pre-ignition. But one of the pair of gear-driven balance shafts on the Blackbird has been removed from the X11 motor, supposedly to give it a little more raw personality. ("Yes, with added vibration!") However, the rubber-mounted handlebars mean you only feel the unobtrusive payoff tingles through the seat and footpegs. And that's only when you rev it hard, so this is quite a good move that prevents the X-11 from feeling quite as bland at low speeds as did the Blackbird.

The last bike I rode from the Super Blackbird flock was Honda Britain's limited edition, 50th Anniversary V&M Honda CBR1200XX, which on a dozen runs failed by only 2 mph to break the 200 mph-speed barrier, but straddling the X11 is the entry ticket to a different kind of riding experience. In keeping with the model's modern, not retro, design concept, Honda has retained the same basic twin-spar alloy beam frame as the Blackbird - though with the alloy swingarm pivoting not in the engine cases, but in the massive rear, centrally located casting that also doubles as the upper mounting point for the single rear shock.

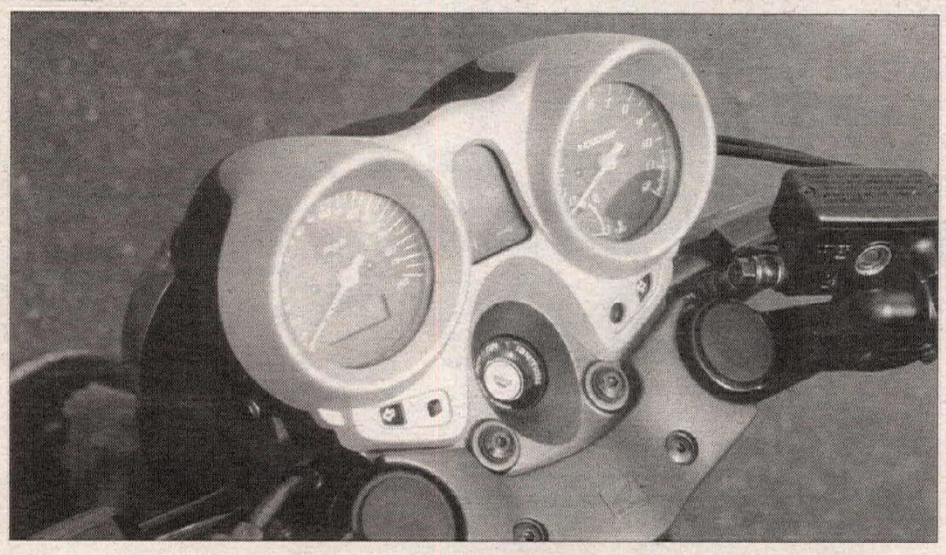
However, the rider's stance is more upright than on the hypertourer, and takes a bit of getting used to, with the dropped front section of the dual seat wedging you firmly in place with fairly forward-set, quite low footpegs, with hero tabs that are easy to grind down, even if ground clearance is otherwise pretty good. But there's a long reach to the quite flat 'bars, necessitating that you wrap your arms around the bulbous 5.7-gallon fuel tank. Quite why Honda felt it necessary to deliver a 200-mile range between gas stops to a bike which by its very nature is unlikely to be used for long-distance cruising is another mystery, especially as the 565.4-pound fully fueled result takes a bit of grappling with - dry weight is 488.4 pounds, and a smaller fuel tank would have been dynamically more sensible, if less muscularly imposing to look at. But the giant tank has deep indents in its flanks for your knees, and once tucked in position you feel you're sitting in the bike, rather than on it - even if the seat padding is a little hard.

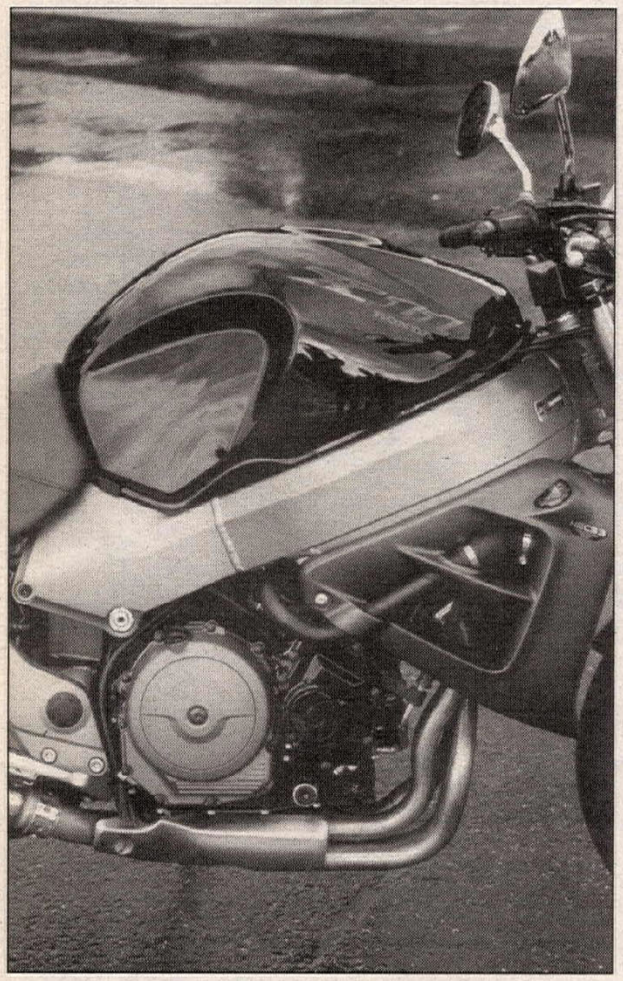
The long stretch to the X11's handlebars means you're sitting in a more prone position than on more retro naked bikes, and this not only helps load up the front wheel with your body weight for extra grip in turns (partly helping compensate for the lack of front-end weight bias after removal of the fairing), it also allows you to benefit from a clever combination of styling and function in the shape of the sculpted back to the instrument binnacle. This acts as an effective wind deflector at speed, and

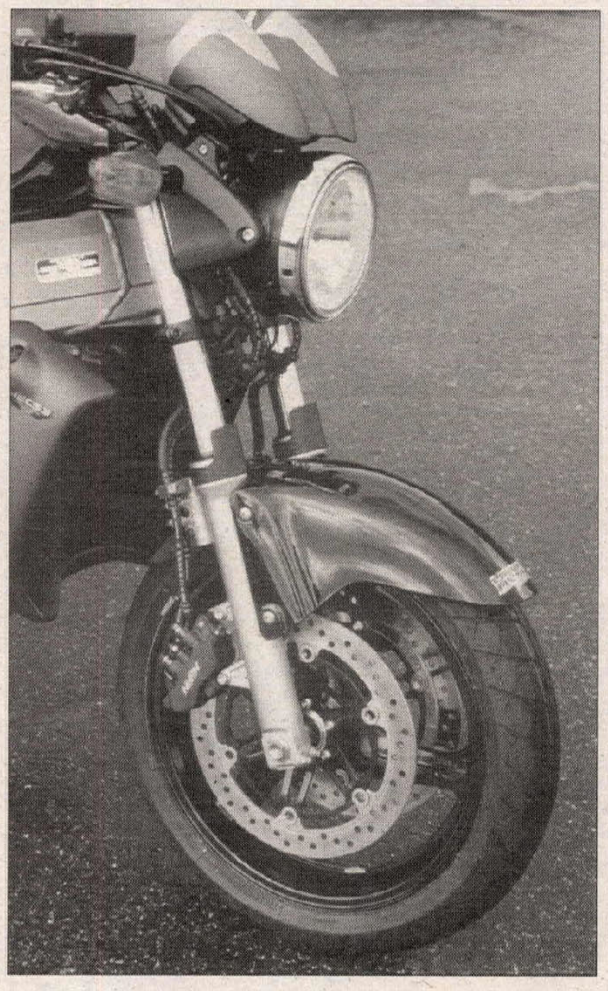
together with the low 795mm seat height allows a 6-foot rider to cruise at 100 mph without any undue wind-blast causing you to cling for dear life to the handlebars, with just a slight forward tilt of your head sufficient to get the airflow running up and over your helmet. This is a neat idea, that leaning your head off-center really works, even without the small aftermarket flyscreen from Honda's catalog of X11 add-ons.

The red-faced instruments are sharp-looking and clear to read, too - though the lack of a digital clock is surprising, and with such a massive fuel tank, it'd be better to have a gauge to keep you abreast of its contents, rather than just a warning light.

An added factor in high-speed performance, says Honda, is the X11's single most obtrusive styling statement, the giant plastic shroud to the twin oil and water radiators. This not only lends character to the appearance in a jowly sort of way - though if this particular two-wheeled Rottweiler ever starts slavering at the mouth, it'll be a sign you have a radiator leak! - it also improves cooling via the same low-pressure extraction system that Honda uses on the VTR1000's side-mounted radiators, and in addition is claimed to generate added downforce via the angled slats in the face of the shroud, further improving front-wheel grip. These may be a pain to clean of all the road dirt thrown up by the front wheel in wet weather riding, but after hearing Frankie Chili's graphic description of how the massive water radiators on his works Suzuki GSX-R750 Superbike cause the front end to get light in fast turns, I have to admit there could be a sound basis for Honda's changes: Wonder if we'll see a similarly shrouded Suzuki - or VTR1000 SP-1, a.k.a. RC51 - on the Superbike scene next season?!







(Above) Style meets function: The sculpted back of the instrument binnacle acts as an effective wind deflector at speed. But where's the clock? (Left) The X11 retains the same basic twin-spar alloy-beam frame as the CBR1100XX. (Right) A powerful motor deserves powerful brakes, which the X11 has, as well as the XX's linked-braking system.

Whatever the cause, there's no doubt the combined effect is a positive one, because the X11 sets new standards in handling and performance for the naked-roadster class. The precise, light-action clutch helps you dial up plenty of motion from the meaty motor off the line. And the fact that this is such a great tool to stage off traffic lights makes one wonder all the more why Honda doesn't sell the X11 stateside, where such a bike is in its element - though I'll admit that after blowing off the third Porsche in a morning, you start to get blasé: It's not even much of a contest, really.

From just over 3000 rpm, the fuel-injected motor comes in really hard, with a muscular midrange up to six grand, but it delivers seamless but significant power all the way to the 9000-rpm power peak. After that, it falls off steeply and it's time to grab another gear on the five-speed cluster: Yes, that's right, one less ratio on this all-new gearbox (but not the cheapskate Triumph option of leaving out top gear) than the six-speed Super Blackbird, and quite right, too. All the extra torque on the X11 makes more ratios than five redundant, and in everyday riding you tend just to stick it in top and ride the torque-curve everywhere, without any need to kick it down a gear to get the motor on the boil for an overtaking maneuver. Just twist the throttle in a straight line at almost any rev and the result is the same - a lovely, liquid power delivery that shoves you ever so fast down the street, usually with the front wheel hovering just off the ground if you gas it wide open in a lower gear, crouched as far over the front wheel as the fat fuel tank will let you. There's a great feeling of exhilarating excess that's paradoxically controllable when you accelerate hard on the X11. It gives you a buzz, in more ways than one.

Try doing the same thing exiting a turn, and after coping with the slightly jerky pickup from a closed throttle that's so typical of most fuel-injected bikes, you'll understand why the rear Showa monoshock - adjustable only for preload, in seven positions - is relatively hard-sprung, as the linkless rear suspension compresses and puts all that power to the tarmac. The Macadams deliver enough grip to cope in normal riding conditions, though if you get overexcited with the right hand when cranked over, you can feel the rear tire start to walk quite readily some time before you get a full-blooded slide. But that serves as an effective early warning system, and there's no doubt that with grippier rubber the stiff chassis is capable of handling even more power quite competently. Fork settings on the cheapo 43mm cartridge Showas are quite soft, though not especially compliant: Coupled with the stiff rear springing, the X11 tends to jump over bumps rather than absorb them, and with no adjustment of any kind at the front end, I'd say a good set of aftermarket upside-downers would be top of the list for any X11 customer.

You don't need more compliant forks to dial out any undue front-end dive that happens when you exploit the X11's excellent brakes to their undoubted potential - because there isn't any. That's because this son-of-Blackbird has the same Dual-CBS linked-braking system as featured on the CBR1100XX, with the three triple-piston calipers, proportionally connected between the twin front 310mm steel discs and single 256mm rear, delivering balanced and extremely powerful braking. A favorite topic for bar-room banter, I know there are those who reject this system for usurping the rider's function in deciding how much of which brake to use, and when - but I'll only say that on this kind of bike (and the Super Blackbird) I think it's an ideal feature that works very well on the X11.

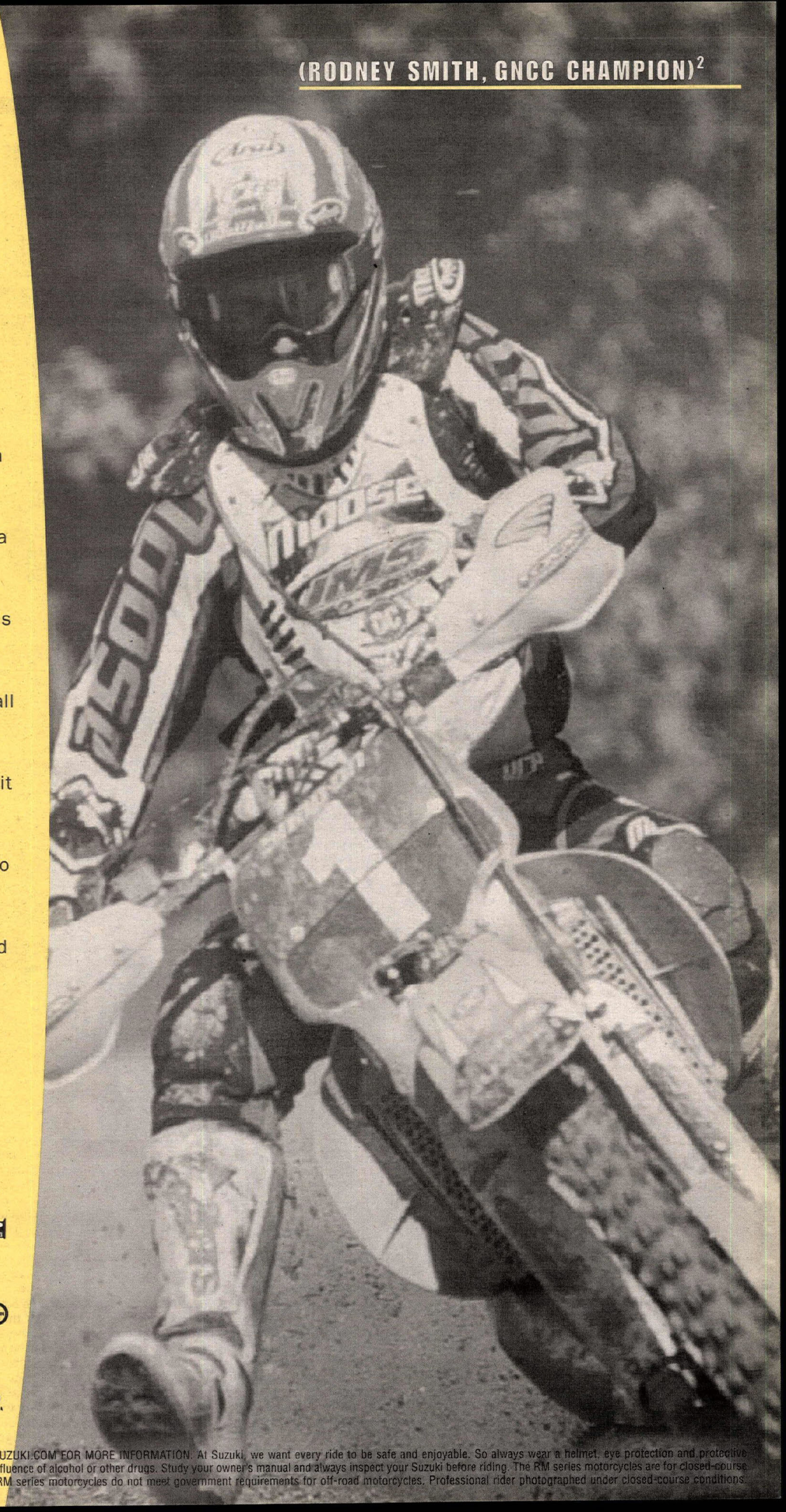
With an integrated anti-theft system that helps resist mechanical tampering, that cannot be bypassed by either hotwiring the ignition or exchanging the ignition-switch module, and also detects an attempt to start the bike with a non-encoded key, thus shutting down the ems's ECU, Honda has made a laudable effort to enhance the X11's security, with a lockable storage space under the seat for a U-lock and chain, as well as any small essentials. All this is perhaps with half an eye on its most likely habitat, namely, city streets, mixed with country-lane capers on a Sunday morning. However, the surprisingly restricted steering lock makes turning around a bit of a fag, and the X11 lacks a center stand. But this is no dog of a bike: It's a serious, well-thought-out attempt to reinvent the naked bike, as well as Max-out Yamaha's musclerod, albeit with some 21st-century styling that may take a bit of getting used to. But then that's what we were saying 15 years ago, when the V-Max was launched. **CN**

Honda X11

Specifications

Engine	Liquid-cooled in-line four-cylinder
Valve gear	DOHC, 4 valves per cylinder
Bore x stroke	79 x 54mm
Displacement	1137cc
Compression ratio	11:1
Carburetion	Electronic fuel injection
Ignition	Computer-controlled digital transistorized w/electronic advance
Transmission	Five-speed
Wheelbase	60 inches
Seat height	31.8 inches
Suspension	
Front	43mm cartridge fork, 4.8 inches of travel
Rear	Gas-charged monoshock damper with 7-step adjustable preload, 4.8 inches of travel
Tires	
Front	120/70 ZR17 Michelin Macadam 90X
Rear	180/55 ZR17 Michelin Macadam 90X
Brakes	
Front	Dual 310mm hydraulic discs w/three-piston calipers and sintered-metal pads.
Rear	Single 256mm hydraulic disc w/three-piston caliper and sintered-metal pads.
Fuel capacity	5.7 gallons
Claimed dry weight	488.4 pounds

RODNEY SMITH OF TEAM SUZUKI OFF-ROAD WINS BACK-TO-BACK AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS. Here's another equation for you: Rodney Smith + Suzuki = Consecutive incredible seasons. Not bad for a guy who rode all this year as a marked man. Add in Rodney's incredible tuner Mark Hyde and all of Team Suzuki Off-Road and it equals one thing: If you want to win, you've got to ride Suzuki. And if you don't? Well, you add it up.



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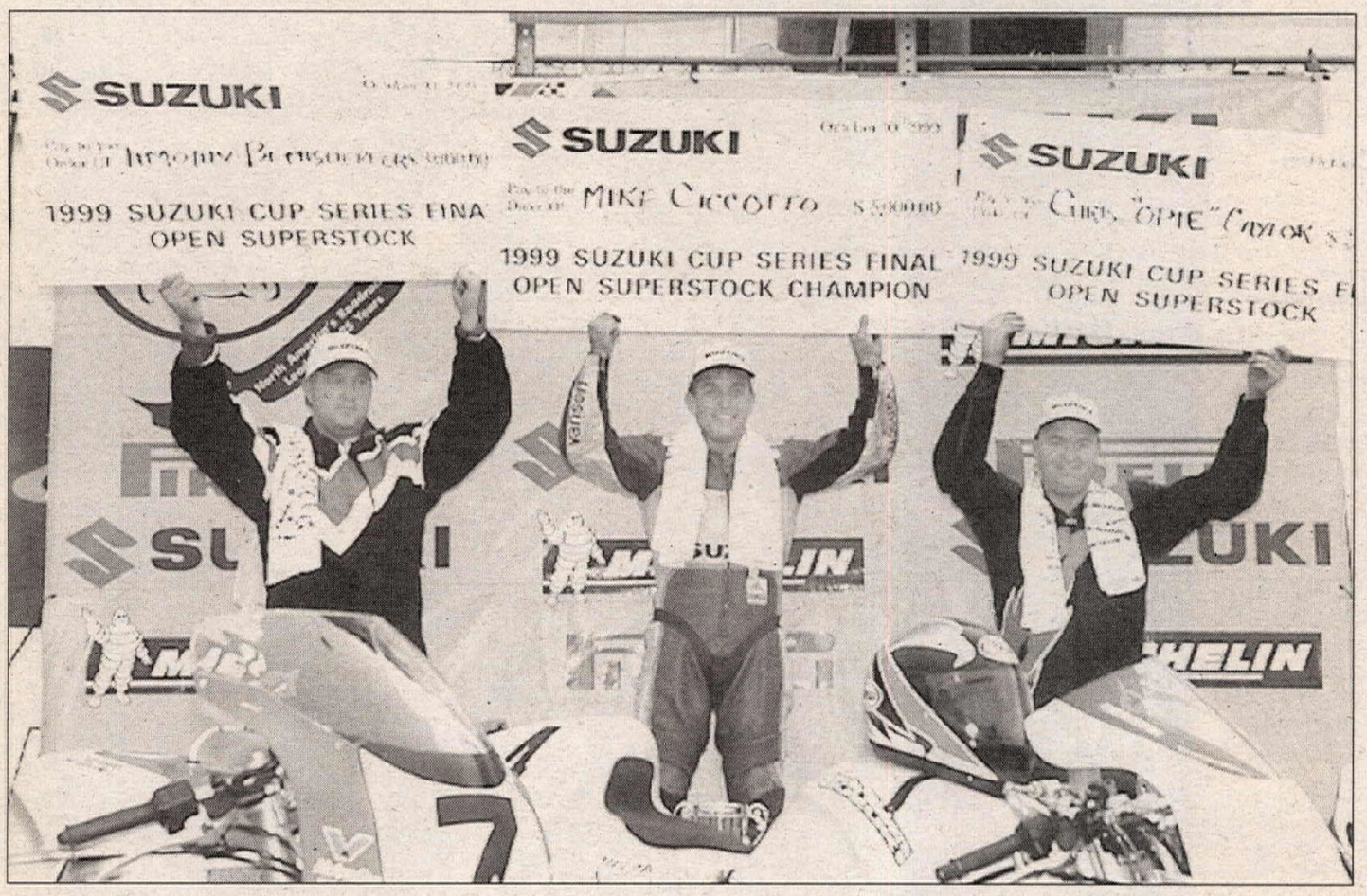
Ciccotto steals the show



By Drew Lincoln
Photos by Brian J. Nelson

BRASELTON, GA, OCT. 10

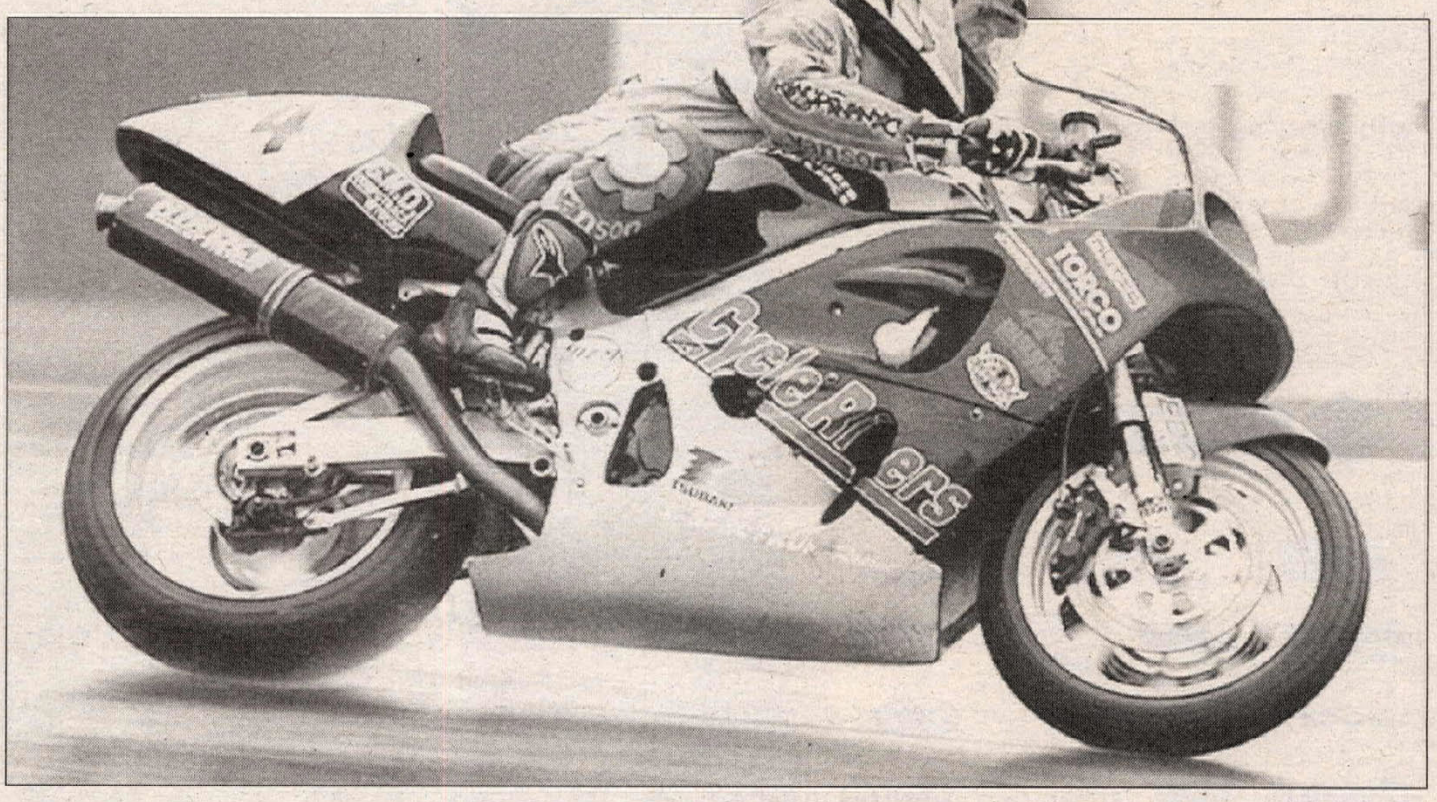
Sebastian, Florida, resident Mike Ciccotto showed up at the Suzuki Cup Races and stole the show, as well as the majority of the money. Ciccotto won both the Open Suzuki Cup Final and the 750cc Suzuki Cup Final - run in horrendous conditions - by huge margins, proving he was the class of the field. In only his fourth full season of motorcycle roadracing, Ciccotto displayed incredible talent and mature riding skills to win both races in torrential downpours.

Another surprise during the Suzuki Cup Races was the performance turned in by 16-year-old rising star John Hopkins. Hopkins, who has only been riding SuperStock machinery since midseason, won the 600cc Suzuki Cup Final and took second to Ciccotto in the 750cc Suzuki Cup Race. The young phenom had to uphold the honor of the Team Valvoline/EMGO Suzuki squad when the factory-contracted duo of Josh Hayes and Grant Lopez stepped aside to allow the many privateer efforts in attendance to get the credit they deserve.

For the second year, American Suzuki avoided the complete teardown of the top five finishing motorcycles in each class to determine their legality for the horsepower and weight limitations by checking them easily with a scale and a dynamometer. In years past, the winner of the race could be found illegal after the trophies were already handed out, but now the winners can be verified almost before the winners-circle celebrations end.

American Suzuki set the limits for the Open class bikes - which included the ever popular GSX-R 1100 model and the newer TL-1000R twin at 135 hp and 430 pounds for the four cylinder, and 125 hp and 420 pounds for the twin. The GSX-R 750 models were limited to 125 hp and 390 pounds, while the GSX-R 600s were allowed 99 hp and 380 pounds.

(Above) Tim Bemisderfer (left), Mike Ciccotto (center) and Chris Caylor (right) took home the major share of the purse in the Suzuki Cup Series Final at the series-ending WERA Grand Nationals at Road Atlanta. (Below) Ciccotto was a double-class winner in the Suzuki Cup races.



OPEN SUZUKI CUP RACE

The Open Suzuki Cup heat race was a six-lap preview of what to expect during the final. Only 13 riders took to the grid, in wet conditions, to try to improve their starting positions for Sunday's main event. Ciccotto grabbed the lead immediately and put his head down to pull away on his Cycle Riders of Orlando Suzuki TL-1000R, turning times over three-seconds-a-lap faster than second-place finisher Chris "Opie" Caylor.

Caylor was racing the venerable GSX-R 1100 for only the second time ever, and the first time in wet conditions. Caylor was riding for Team Valvoline/EMGO Suzuki in what he considered a "try-out" ride with the team and to give them a presence in the big-bore class. After slowly picking his way through the pack of more-experienced Open class racers to end up second in terrible conditions, Caylor showed he has what it takes to ride smart as well as fast.

The first race on Sunday's schedule was the Open Suzuki Cup event that would crown a year-end champion and pay the winner a cool $5000 for their effort. Ciccotto grabbed the holeshot from his front-row starting position and began to pull away, quickly followed by Caylor and Tim Bemisderfer up from the second row. By the third lap, Ciccotto's Michelin rain-slick shod TL-1000R had a nine-second lead in the battle for second.

Caylor and Bemisderfer stayed close to each other as they pulled away from Scott Harwell and Lee Acree's battle to round out the top five. Bemisderfer, who has campaigned the Suzuki GSX-R 1100 for several years, gingerly made his way around the big-bike rookie Caylor on the back straight. Bemisderfer was able to stretch his advantage to about a second over Caylor, but was unable to make any headway into Ciccotto's lead.

At the halfway point of the race, Ciccotto had a 17-second lead over his pursuers.

The battle for fourth and fifth heated up when Acree drafted by Harwell entering turn one, but Harwell, the newly crowned Heavyweight Twins Expert National Champion, made an aggressive pass down the hill between turns 11 and 12 to retake the spot in tricky conditions. Harwell, on his Tapeworks Racing-backed TL-1000R, would defend his fourth place from the Arclight Suzuki GSX-R 1100 ridden by Acree until Harwell fell on the back sec-

tion, ending an excellent race for position. Caylor reeled Bemisderfer in slightly and was ready to try to repass for second when a big slide exiting turn five made him drop back and reconsider. Bemisderfer claimed second just five seconds ahead of Caylor, but over 20 seconds behind Ciccotto.

Ciccotto said from the podium, "I just put my head down on the first lap, because I wanted to show those guys what we had, maybe try to intimidate them a little bit, but after two laps I was getting huge pit signals telling me what kind of lead I had. After that I just kept the same pace, because if you lose your focus, you can easily fall down trying to play it safe."

Asked if he thought the rain was a benefit to the TL-1000R, Ciccotto remarked, "Definitely. In the dry, the guys on the 1100s were about a second faster than I was on the twin, but when it started to rain, I could use the torque off the corners to my advantage. These conditions suited the bike perfectly."

GSX-R 750 SUZUKI CUP RACE

The 750cc Suzuki Cup heat race was dominated by AMA National regular Jimmy Moore, on his Ricci Motorsports-backed GSX-R 750. Moore, from Eugene, Oregon, has had some experience in wet conditions, and put that knowledge to good use. Moore led the six-lap heat race from the second row of the grid and steadily and confidently pulled away from the pack, which included fellow AMA regular Shane Clark and local Georgians Brian Stokes and Brian Gibbs.

Gibbs, making a return to racing after a motocross training accident left him sidelined with a broken back, rode cautiously behind Stokes and Clark, trying to assure himself a starting position near the front. Gaining the biggest advantage during the heat race was recent Team Valvoline recruit John Hopkins, in his third ride on a 750cc racebike, making his way up from the back of the 35-rider grid from the 21st row. Hopkins, who crashed the GSX-R 750 spectacularly in turn 12 during morning practice, fought all the way up to seventh at the end of the six-lap sprint, finishing just behind Ciccotto to start on the third row.

At the drop of the green flag, Moore, Clark, and Stokes rushed three-wide into turn one only to leave the door wide open for Gibbs to rocket up the inside like a man possessed. Gibbs, with the benefit of new rain tires instead of the two-year-old set he used in the heat race, found new confidence in his M&M Mortgage-sponsored Suzuki. Gibbs held on to the lead until Ciccotto rushed by in turn five on the second lap. Ciccotto concentrated on making a breakaway, and turned laps three seconds faster than Gibbs and Moore doing it. By the third lap, Ciccotto had opened a two-second gap and Moore drafted by Gibbs entering turn one to take over second and try to reel in the rapidly disappearing Ciccotto.

Gibbs soon came under attack from Stokes, while Hopkins carefully made his way forward in the torrential downpour. Hopkins displaced Clark while braking for turn 10 to take over fifth. Moore pushed too hard and crashed in turn 6 chasing Ciccotto. On the same lap, Gibbs, knowing the pace he was capable of running, and riding within his limits, waved Stokes by on the back straight. Stokes quickly opened a gap back to Gibbs but lost the front braking for turn one and fell from second place. Within a lap, Gibbs went from fourth to second without making a pass. Hopkins zeroed in on the steady Gibbs and used the same braking maneuver in turn 10 to overtake him.

At the start/finish line, Ciccotto recorded his second Suzuki Cup victory some nine seconds ahead of Hopkins and Gibbs. Behind them came the hard-charging John Jacobi, making up for a bad start, just ahead of John Haner, to round out the top five. Jacobi, an AMA National competitor, where racers can only use one style of D.O.T. tire, had to become accustomed to the Michelin rain tires allowed in WERA-sanctioned events. Once up to speed, he was charging through the field to his fourth-place finish.

GSX-R 600 SUZUKI CUP RACE

The 600cc Suzuki Cup heat race was the most exciting of the day, since the 750cc and Open races were run-away wins for two different riders. Brian Gibbs raced here earlier in the year against the youngest Hayden brother, Roger Lee, before Hayden's AMA debut, and Gibbs came out on top by using his head to survive the conditions. Gibbs put that experience to good use to earn the pole for Sunday's main event.

Gibbs got the holeshot from his second-row grid position, followed closely by David Rose from the pole position. Gibbs led every lap except the last, when Rose got by for the lead. Gibbs came right back to retake the point position, braking for turn 10, by blocking the dry line through the corner. Rose settled for second knowing that it was good enough for a front-row starting position. Shannon Ball watched from his third-place spot, also good for a front-row grid position, waiting to pick up the pieces in case anything went wrong with the leaders.

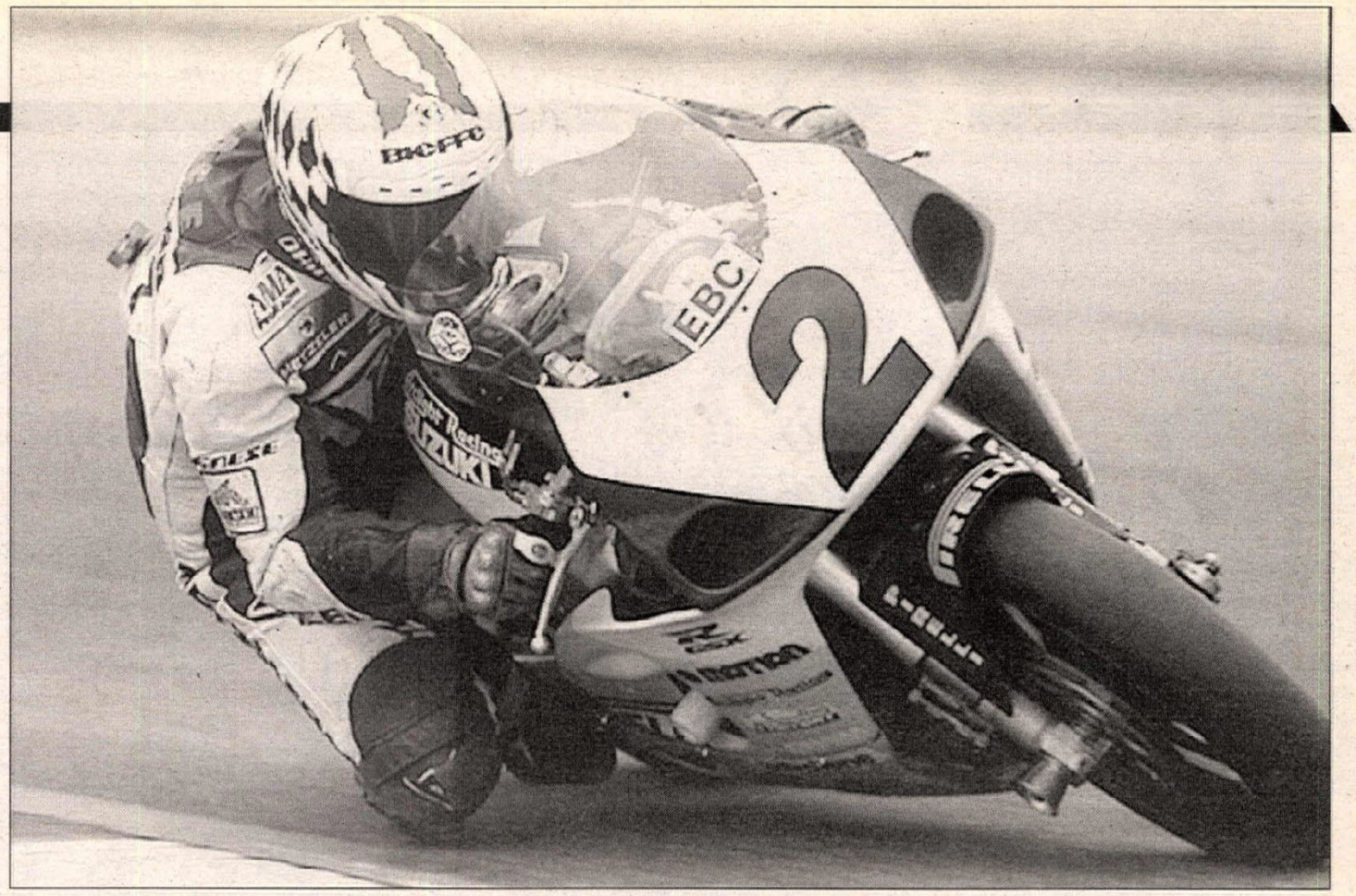
Again the biggest improvement in starting position came from the Team Valvoline/EMGO riders Hopkins and newly recruited 125 and 250cc GP rider Ben Spies. Hopkins has been riding a Valvoline Suzuki GSX-R 600 since the Loudon round of the AMA National Series, but this heat race would mark Spies' third time on a 600cc four-cylinder bike. Following his new teammate up from the last row of the grid, 15-year-old Spies looked like a veteran in the wet conditions, and the two youngsters just barely got by longtime Suzuki Cup campaigner David McGrath on his KWS-backed Suzuki 600 to fill out the third row for the final.

Gibbs rocketed away from the start to grab the holeshot and try to open up a lead immediately. Across the start/finish line for the first time, Gibbs had built a two-second lead. Rose pushed hard to close the gap heading into turn one for the first time and reeled Gibbs in slightly. Unfortunately, Rose would try too hard exiting turn three and crash out of the race, his bike tumbling over the retaining wall on the outside of the corner. Joseph Temperato and Ball graduated to second and third but would soon come under fire from the hard-charging Hopkins. Hopkins was strong on the brakes entering the new turn 10 chicane, a benefit he learned racing two-stroke bikes, and made his move there lap after lap. First to fall into his clutches was Ball, then one lap later, Temperato. Spies was also on the move but was tentative in the heavy rains that flooded parts of the track.

Gibbs held a comfortable lead over the chasing pack but was riding at the limit after having missed the setup slightly on his bike. With clear track ahead, Hopkins was able to cut into Gibbs' lead and outbraked him in the usual spot at the halfway flags. Spies was now up to third and had towed Ball along with him, and they would be the next to challenge for podium positions. Spies got by Gibbs on the back section of the track but Gibbs would up the pace even on an ill-handling bike to stay in touch with the teenage sensation. Entering turn one, Gibbs tried to draft past Spies and retake second on the brakes but Spies chopped him off going up the hill into turn two, allowing Ball to close. Ball now pressured Gibbs for the final rostrum position as the laps wound down.

Hopkins held a small two-second lead for the last several laps over Spies, who cooked his tires coming through the field so fast. On the white-flag lap, Ball took third from Gibbs after a near high-side threw him out of the seat. Gibbs was determined not to settle for anything less than a podium position and a chance to spray the champagne, so entering turn one for the final time Gibbs used the same draft and outbraking maneuver he tried on Spies, and this time it stuck. Gibbs put his intimate knowledge of Road Atlanta to work on that last lap to defend every line you could possibly try to make a pass in order to hold off Ball to the checkered flag.

"I doubted myself at the beginning of the race because I crashed this morning when I hit a puddle, and there was a lot more standing water out there during the race. But once we got going I felt comfortable and was able to pick those guys off one by one," Hopkins said after his first National-caliber race win. Hopkins, the winner of the American Aprilia Cup Championship, heads from here to Italy for a try-out ride on the factory Aprilia 125cc Grand Prix racer. CN



The Arclight Suzuki team captured the overall win in the WERA Endurance finale.

Road Atlanta
Braselton, Georgia
Results: October 10, 1999

OPEN SUZUKI CUP FINAL: 1. Mike Ciccotto; 2. Tim Bemisderfer; 3. Chris "Opie" Caylor; 4. Lee Acree; 5. James Randolph; 6. Brian Honeycutt; 7. Mike DeBrabant; 8. Bryan Shields; 9. Joe Wolfe; 10. Rob Palmieri; 11. Tony Sawyer; 12. Scott Harwell; 13. Mark Reed.

GSX-R 750 SUZUKI CUP FINAL: 1. Mike Ciccotto; 2. John Hopkins; 3. Brian Gibbs; 4. John Jacobi; 5. John Haner; 6. Tim Bemisderfer; 7. Shane Clark; 8. James Randolph; 9. Byron Barbour; 10. Vincent Haskovec; 11. Ed Bartoli; 12. Chris "Opie" Caylor; 13. Wade Buffington; 14. John Bowman; 15. Rich Pacella; 16. David McGrath; 17. Jimmy Moore; 18. Curry Justice; 19. Jamie Lane; 20. Chad Simons; 21. Rich Conicelli; 22. Mark Edwards; 23. Lee Acree; 24. Brandon Bashore; 25. David Rose; 26. Andy Deatherage; 27. Gabriel Henning; 28. John Lounsbury; 29. Joe Prussiano III; 30. Brian Stokes; 31. David Brown; 32. Randy Mennenga; 33. Bucky League; 34. Shannon Ball; 35. Ottis Lance.

GSX-R 600 SUZUKI CUP FINAL: 1. John Hopkins; 2. Ben Spies; 3. Brian Gibbs; 4. Shannon Ball; 5. Joseph Temperato; 6. David McGrath; 7. Lee Acree; 8. Leo Venega; 9. Ed Bartoli; 10. Ken Snyder; 11. Bryan Shields; 12. Byron Barbour; 13. Joe Prussiano III; 14. Scott Harwell; 15. Greg Stollsteimer; 16. Mark Edwards; 17. David Rose; 18. Robert Scott Crawford; 19. Donald Tingle Jr.

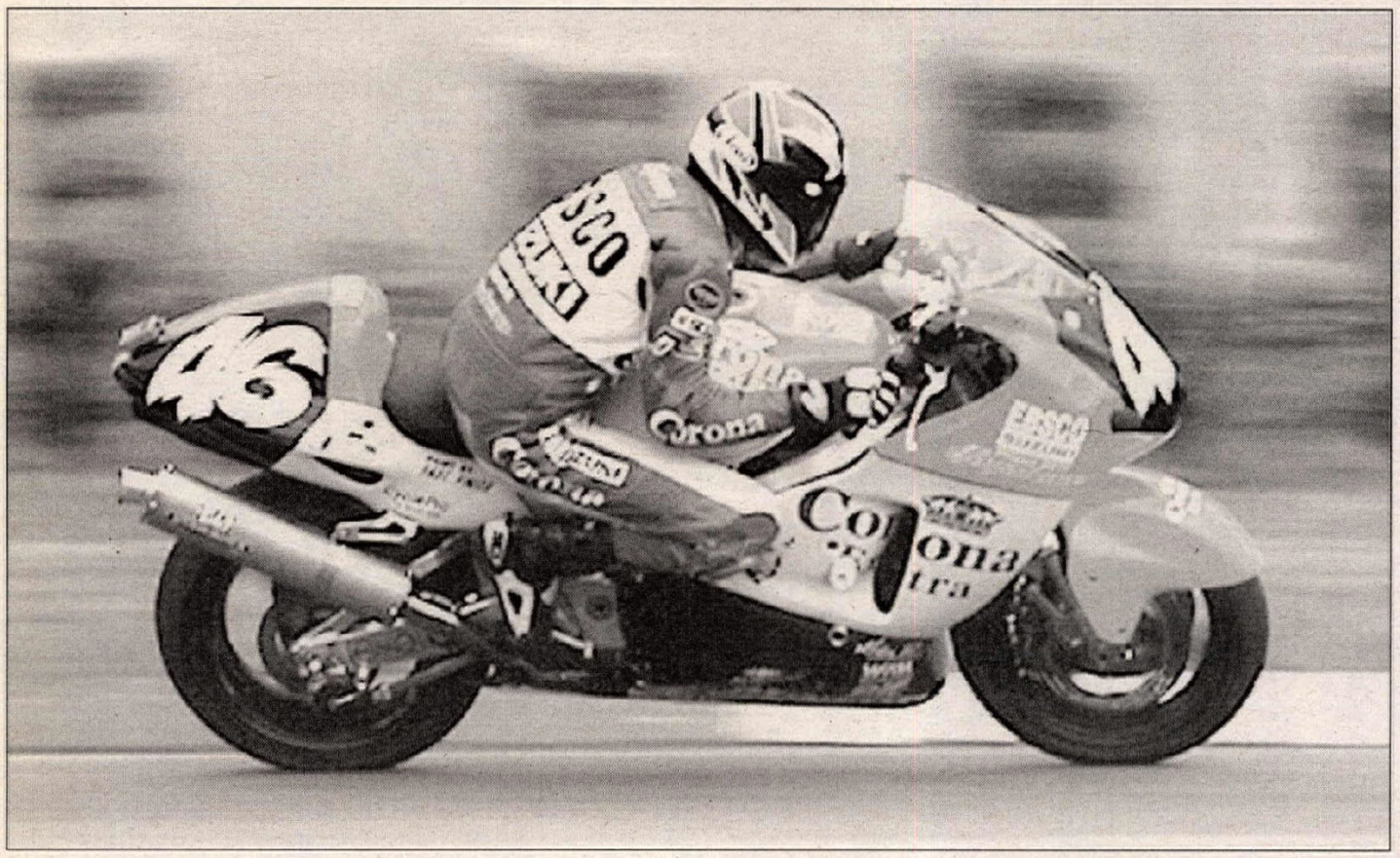
WERA National Endurance Series
Round 10: Road Atlanta

SBR drives the point home

By Drew Lincoln

BRASELTON, GA, OCT. 8

The reigning WERA National Endurance Series Champions, Semoff Brothers Racing (SBR), capped off a great year of Endurance Racing by filling two of the top three overall positions at the final endurance



Second place in the Heavyweight SuperStock race was the Hayabusa-mounted EBSCO Suzuki Corona team.

race of the year, held at the WERA Grand National Finals at Road Atlanta. Although SBR wrapped up the 1999 WERA National Endurance Championship at the previous Willow Springs 24-Hour event, they decided to field two teams at the Road Atlanta final. Team regulars Glenn Szarek and Scott Brown rode the number-one-plated Yamaha YZF R-1 to second overall, and in the Pirelli Heavyweight Superbike class; while reigning Formula USA Champion Michael Barnes and Paul Youngman rode the team's back-up bike to the win in the Heavyweight SuperStock class and third overall.

Taking the win in the Heavyweight Superbike class and the overall at Road Atlanta was Arclight Suzuki Racing, with Tray Batey and Lee Acree aboard the team's Suzuki GSX-R 750 Superbike. After battling mysterious mechanical gremlins for the majority of the year, the Arclight team was glad to end the season on a high note with an excellent win, leading from start to finish. Coming off a great performance at the grueling 24-Hour race helped Arclight Suzuki to leap from fourth in overall points to second coming into this last round, just barely edging out the delightfully quirky Army of Darkness for the runner-up spot.

Army of Darkness, never ones to rest on their laurels, put a plan into motion to try and wrench the number-two plate away from the Arclight effort. Team Owner Sam Fleming opted to install his Daytona 200 spec GSX-R 750 motor into the teams well-sorted Suzuki GSX-R 600 racer in an effort to beat the Arclight entry on the track and in the final points standings. To hedge his bet, Fleming also solicited renowned fast guy Mark Junge to help with the riding chores on the powerful hybrid bike. Along with the new-found power of the AOD bike came some peculiar handling problems that the team turned to Max McAllister of Traxxion Dynamics to solve, which he did, by installing a new rear shock minutes before the start of the race.

At the start of the last WERA Endurance race of the millennium, Junge rocketed the Michelin-shod Suzuki into the lead from the front row. Junge could only hold off the charging Batey on the Pirelli-equipped Arclight GSX-R 750 Superbike for one lap before giving up the lead. Junge held down second between Arclight Suzuki and Semoff Brothers Racing for several laps before SBR's Szarek, who was coming to grips with a bad vibration, motored by on the back straight. Thirty minutes into the four-hour race, while holding down a comfortable third place, Junge was shown the "meatball" flag directing him to come into the pits for a stop-and-go penalty. Junge pulled into the pits to confer with the WERA officials about the nature of the problem. In the rush to get the bike ready for the race, Junge forgot to sign the team's entry form and was told that he was not allowed on the track until he signed it. So, right there on pit road, in full leathers and sitting on the racebike, Junge was handed a pen and an entry form and was made to sign before being able to return to the racetrack. While in the pits, Army of Darkness performed one of their flawless pit stops and returned Junge to the race two laps down to the leaders, which basically ended their hopes of earning the points needed to surpass Arclight Suzuki for second in the championship.

During AOD's clerical problems, SBR II was making their way through the field to take over the vacated third spot and first in the Heavyweight SuperStock class, with Barnes aboard. Another team on the move from the back of the pack was the Corona Extra-sponsored EBSCO Suzuki Hayabusa 1300 with Mark McDaniels and Cal Rayborn doing the riding. The big Suzuki moved up to fifth overall and second in the Heavyweight SuperStock class by the end of the first hour. Amazingly, Junge, on the Army of Darkness special, managed to claw his way back to the fourth overall position as the first hour came to a close only one lap behind SBR II in third. Suffering with a vibration from the front tire, Szarek lost touch with Arclight Suzuki and ended the first hour over a minute behind. Arclight rider Batey was comfortably turning 1:29 lap times to pull away from the field.

Tapeworks Racing had yet another run of bad luck in the form of a blown head gasket that sidelined them 45 minutes into the race. Tapeworks casually changed motors in their racebike and took to the track, just before the end of the second hour, in last place to try and salvage some points in this final race. Semoff Brothers cut into Arclight's lead at the end of the second hour after an unscheduled tire change removed the offending Dunlop slick. The gap between Arclight and SBR was only 38 seconds at the halfway point of the race. The Heavyweight SuperStock entries of SBR II and EBSCO Suzuki were three laps behind the leading duo, but only nine seconds apart on the track, for first and second in their class. Just three more seconds back was the Army of Darkness Heavyweight Superbike entry to round out the top five, third in class.

With only 30 minutes remaining in the four-hour race, Junge, riding his second stint, brought the AOD bike in with serious mechanical woes. Team owner Fleming commented, "It was totally unexpected. We have never finished the race here at the Grand National Finals, in fact, we've started calling this race the 'WERA DNF.'"

Local Heavyweight SuperStock team from Dawsonville, Georgia, D&D Racing, took over the fifth-overall position after the Army of Darkness retirement. D&D have had a string of Heavyweight SuperStock victories since the third round of the series that ended during the Willow 2000 24-Hour race. They would wrap up the class championship with a top-five finish at the Road Atlanta 4-Hour.

When the final checkered flag flew, ending the WERA National Endurance Series for 1999, Arclight Suzuki had put in a flawless effort to win the last race of the season overall. Second overall in the Road Atlanta race and the Pirelli Heavyweight Superbike class was Semoff Brothers Racing. SBR II earned the Heavyweight SuperStock class win and rounded out the overall podium. Second in the Heavyweight Superstock class and fourth overall was the EBSCO Hayabusa 1300, four laps ahead of the D&D Racing entry in fifth overall.

Arclight Suzuki won the WERA National Endurance Championship for the second year in a row, and the Pirelli Heavyweight Superbike class in the process. With the win at the final event, the Lafayette, California-based team, Semoff Brothers Racing, earned second in the overall, and in the Pirelli Heavyweight Superbike class. D&D Racing's third place in the Heavyweight SuperStock race was more than enough to wrap up the class championship and earn fifth in the overall standings. Army of Darkness had already won the Mediumweight Superbike class at the last event, and Team Chicago had also put the finishing touches on the Mediumweight SuperStock class at the 24-hour race in California. **CN**

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Braselton, Georgia
Results: October 8, 1999

O/A: 1. Arclight Suzuki (Suz); 2. Semoff Brothers Racing (Yam); 3. SBR II (Yam); 4. EBSCO Suzuki Corona (Suz); 5. D&D Racing (Suz); 6. Penn State (Kaw); 7. Firestorm Racing (Suz); 8. Carlyle Racing (Yam); 9. Cycle Speed (Yam); 10. Team Xtreme 2 (Suz).

PIRELLI H/W SUPERBIKE: 1. Arclight Suzuki (Suz); 2. Semoff Brothers Racing (Yam); 3. Cycle Speed (Yam); 4. Army of Darkness (Suz).

H/W SUPERSTOCK: 1. SBR II (Yam); 2. EBSCO Suzuki Corona (Suz); 3. D&D Racing (Suz); 4. Penn State (Kaw); 5. Carlyle Racing (Yam).

M/W SUPERBIKE: 1. Firestorm Racing (Suz); 2. Knee Draggers (Suz); 3. Clinton Cycles (Suz); 4. Leaning Lizard (Kaw); 5. Tapeworks Racing (Suz).

M/W SUPERSTOCK: 1. Team Xtreme 2 (Suz); 2. Paramount Racing (Yam); 3. Team Xtreme (Suz; 4. Rapid Transit (Hon); 5. Team Chicago (Yam).

WERA National Challenge Series
Round 10: Road Atlanta

Himmelsbach schools the kids

By Drew Lincoln

BRASELTON, GA, OCT. 10

Michael Himmelsbach, the two-time WERA 125cc Grand Prix National Champion, beat out several young rising stars in the sport of motorcycle grand prix road racing to earn the inaugural Grand Prix Riders Association (GPRA) National Championship. Himmelsbach bested the likes of 15-year-old phenoms Jason DiSalvo, Ben Spies and Jason Peters, Vicky Jackson-Bell, and west coast teenage sensation Hawk Mazzotta in the two-leg championship format. DiSalvo and Himmelsbach won one leg each, but Himmelsbach came away with the championship by virtue of his better finish in the second leg.

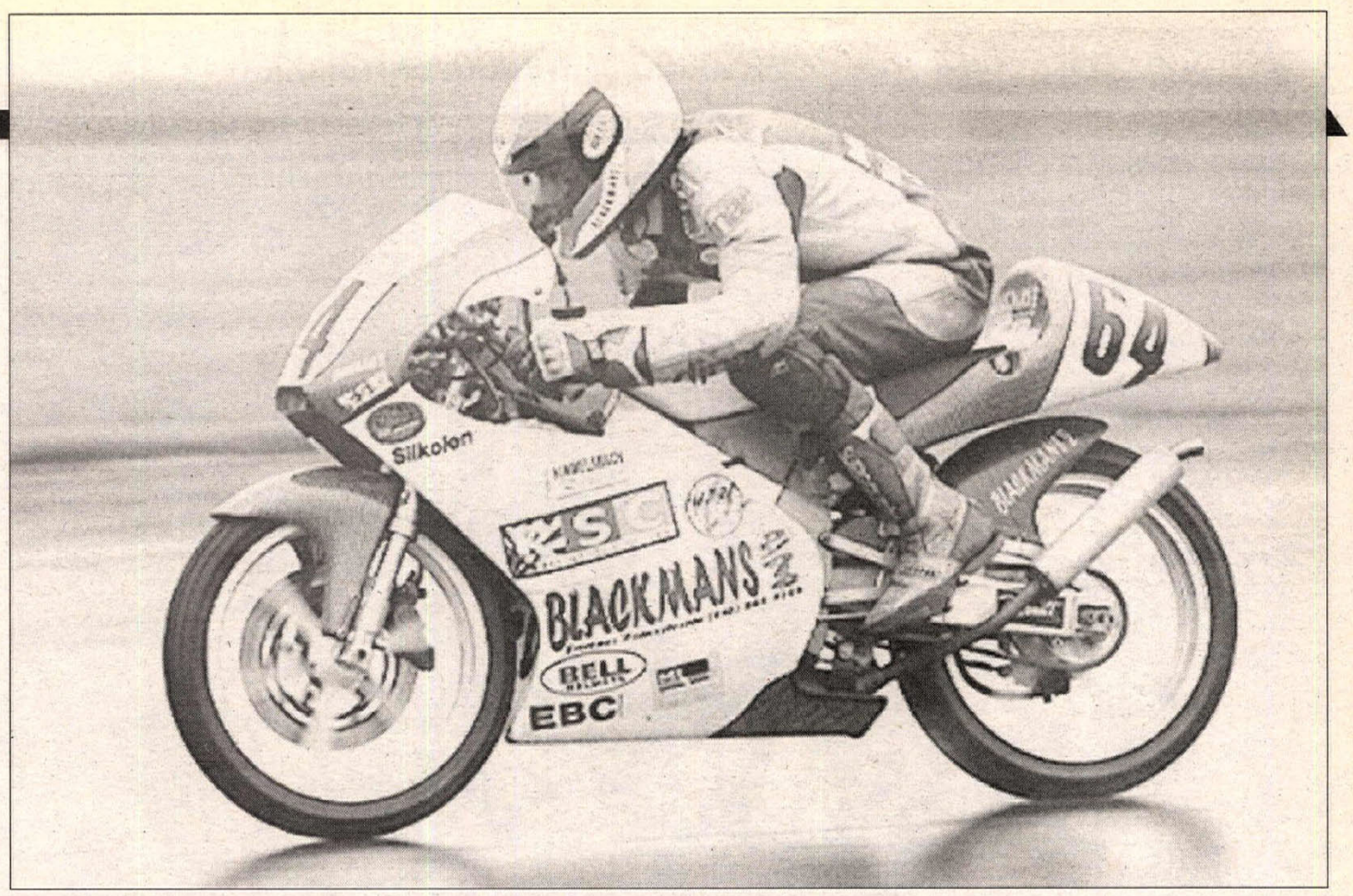
Leg one of the GPRA 125cc GP was run under threatening skies, and had to be stopped on the seventh lap of 10 when a cloud burst sent four of the 38 riders tumbling, including race leader Himmelsbach, who had just passed DiSalvo for the lead. Scoring backed up one lap to credit DiSalvo with the win, Himmelsbach with a gracious second place, and Spies with a hard-fought third on his back-up bike.

Leg two started under dreadful conditions, with heavy rains and standing water all around the track. Himmelsbach had the most experience riding in the wet conditions, and it showed right from the start. Himmelsbach and Spies jumped out in front of the field to lead from the drop of the green flag. Spies, fresh from a top-three finish in the 600cc Suzuki Cup race, was having trouble getting accustomed to the smaller bike but valiantly passed for the lead twice on the first lap. Himmelsbach put his head down and began to pull away from his pursuers. DiSalvo first found his way past Mazzotta, then Spies, to try to keep Himmelsbach in sight. Maz-

zotta made his way into third as Spies ran into trouble on his underpowered reserve bike and ended his day with a crash in turn 10 trying to overcome the handicap. The top three spread out over the course of the drenched race and all held on to finish in the harsh conditions. DiSalvo had already wrapped up the WERA 125cc GP Championship the day before and would soon be on an airplane to South America to contest the last two rounds of the World Grand Prix Series, and did not want to risk a crash.

The rider on the move was newcomer Jason Peters, who had missed the first leg of the championship because of a mechanical problem and had to start from the last position on the huge grid of riders. Peters made his way up from the 23rd row of the starting grid into sixth place at the finish in one of his first rides in the rain in his first season of racing.

The WERA Grand National Finals are the last races of the year in which National Champions are crowned in all classes. Normally, the Pro-Am classes that are run at the National Challenge weekends will have several championships decided before the final round. This season, because of the extremely competitive nature of the series, most National Champions would be crowned at the last event on the schedule.



(Above) Michael Himmelsbach went 2-1 to win the GPRA/WERA 125cc GP class. (Left) John Jacobi heated up the wet track en route to the Michelin 750cc SuperStock class win.

Vesrah/Marshall Distributing-backed Mark Junge and Arclight Suzuki rider Joe Prussiano came into the last race with only three points separating them in the Open SuperStock National Championship. In order for Junge and his Michelin-shod Kawasaki ZX-9R to win the title, he would need to have at least one person between Prussiano and himself. Junge grabbed the holeshot at the start and wanted to break away from the pack, but Tim Bemisderfer, on a Yamaha YZF R-1, quickly attached himself to the tail section of Junge's big-bore Kawasaki. Junge and Bemisderfer swapped the lead braking for turn one or drafting on the back straight lap after lap. At the halfway flags, the dicing duo appeared from beneath the Michelin bridge side by side and held their positions through turns 11 and 12, down the front straightaway and into turn one. Bemisderfer took over the lead braking for turn two only to have Junge re-pass on the back straight. On the run to the white flag, Bemisderfer got the point and defended the position to the checkers. Junge checked over his shoulder after crossing the start/finish line to see sly veteran Prussiano stalking just a hundred yards behind the leaders in case he needed to make a move to salvage his championship. As it turns out, Prussiano earned the Open SuperStock Championship by one slim point.

The Michelin 750cc SuperStock class was won by AMA National regular John Jacobi, in very wet conditions. The AMA Series does not allow the use of full rain slicks in their series, only one D.O.T. tread pattern per manufacturer. Jacobi had not been on actual rain tires in over two years and was surprised by how much grip was available from the newest Michelin rains. He went on to win the race by over 11 seconds from Tim Bemisderfer and Arclight Suzuki teammates Lee Acree and Prussiano. Acree came into the Road Atlanta round one point behind Prussiano and left with the Michelin 750 SuperStock Championship by the same one-point margin.

Jacobi also won the Formula One race over the third Arclight Suzuki team member, Tray Batey. Jacobi used the exact same setup as the 750cc SuperStock race to beat Batey by over 14 seconds in what both riders agree were the worst conditions either had ever raced in. Jacobi handed Batey his only defeat of the season, but Batey had long since wrapped up the Formula One title.

The Pirelli 600cc SuperStock race was another championship that was decided before the final round, with the honor going to Junge. He did not need to run the last race but did anyway to show why he is the 1999 Champion. Junge used his Michelin-equipped Kawasaki ZX-6R to dominate the field in the stormy conditions, taking the win by over 21 seconds from Canadian Joseph Temperato.

The newest member of the Team Valvoline/EMGO Suzuki squad, Ben Spies, won the final round of the Formula Two Series on a Michelin-shod Suzuki GSX-R 600. Spies normally campaigns a Yamaha TZ-250 GP bike but was contacted by Team Valvoline to contest the Suzuki Cup races. In only his third time on the bike, Spies showed great maturity to close out his season with his first National Championship.

The Heavyweight Twins Expert Championship was captured by Brian Honeycutt, and the Novice title went to Greg Callahan. The final race of the season was won by Phillippe Kostezer for the experts and Dr. Adam Mashike for the novices, both on Michelin-shod Suzuki TL-1000Rs. Mashike's win was not only his first National victory, but his first win ever in his 10-year on-and-off racing career.

Andy Caldwell dominated the wet Novice classes at the Grand National Finals, winning three races, the 600cc and 750cc Production and 600cc Superbike classes. Adam Coco came through from the second wave to win the 750cc Superbike race, but the class championship went to four-time race winner Rick Fairbairn. Tim Brewer came away from the season with two championships to his credit. Brewer won both 600cc and 750cc Production classes after a yearlong cross country battle at tracks around the U.S., and his teammate Brian Hayes was second in both classes. Hayes himself earned the 600cc Superbike Championship. CN

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GPRA/WERA 125 GP LEG 1: 1. Jason DiSalvo (Hon); 2. Michael S. Himmelsbach (Hon); 3. Ben Spies (Hon); 4. Vicky Jackson-Bell (Hon); 5. Nobi Iso (Apr); 6. Hawk Mazzotta (Hon); 7. John Bellinger (Hon); 8. John Hjelm (Hon); 9. Chris Pyles (Hon); 10. Tyler Wadsworth (Hon).

GPRA/WERA 125 GP LEG 2: 1. Michael S. Himmelsbach (Hon); 2. Jason DiSalvo (Hon); 3. Hawk Mazzotta (Hon); 4. Nobi Iso (Apr); 5. Vicky Jackson-Bell (Hon); 6. Jason Peters (Hon); 7. Mark Toso (Hon); 8. John Hjelm (Hon); 9. Corey Rusk (Hon); 10. John Bellinger (Hon).

OPEN S/STK: 1. Tim Bemisderfer (Yam); 2. Mark Junge (Kaw); 3. Joe Prussiano (Suz); 4. Billy Eisenacher (Yam); 5. Scott Brown (Yam).

MICHELIN 750 S/STK: 1. John Jacobi (Suz); 2. Tim Bemisderfer (Suz); 3. Lee Acree (Suz); 4. Joe Prussiano (Suz); 5. John Bowman (Suz).

PIRELLI 600 S/STK: 1. Mark Junge (Kaw); 2. Joseph Temperato (Suz); 3. Ken Snyder (Suz); 4. Shannon Ball (Suz); 5. Byron Barbour (Suz).

F1: 1. John Jacobi (Suz); 2. Tray Batey (Suz); 3. Billy Ethridge (Kaw); 4. Jamie Lane (Suz); 5. Jason Trowbridge (Suz).

F2: Ben Spies (Suz); 2. Joseph Temperato (Suz); 3. Mike Mashewske (Kaw).

H/W TWNS EX: 1. Phillippe Kostezer (Suz); 2. Steve Baxter (Suz); 3. Barry Chatham (Suz).

H/W TWNS NOV: 1. Adam Mashike (Suz); 2. Brian Temple (Duc); 3. Edward Hessel (Duc); 4. Jim Furbur (Hon); 5. Hal Keegan (Yam).

600 PROD: 1. Andy Caldwell (Suz); 2. Ernest Miale (Kaw); 3. Steve Smith (Suz); 4. Larry Ray Dulaney (Hon); 5. James Selby (Hon).

750 PRO: 1. Andy Caldwell (Suz); 2. Tim Brewer (Hon); 3. James Selby (Hon); 4. Adam Coco (Hon); 5. Brian Hayes (Suz).

600 S/BK: 1. Andy Caldwell (Suz); 2. Jason Smith (Kaw); 3. Adam Coco (Hon); 4. James Selby (Hon); 5. Scott Morrison (Kaw).

750 S/BK: 1. Adam Coco (Hon); 2. Michael Nasakaitis (Suz); 3. Scott Morrison (Kaw); 4. Rick Fairbairn (Suz); 5. Kevin Napier (Suz).

Not over yet

By Doug Karcher

(Above) The moment of truth for Ty Davis. Leader Davis is about to have his front wheel clipped by Dustin Headman at the end of the bomb run. Davis went crashing to the ground, while Headman went on to finish second.
(Below) Destry Abbott kept his championship hopes alive by winning the Wendover National.

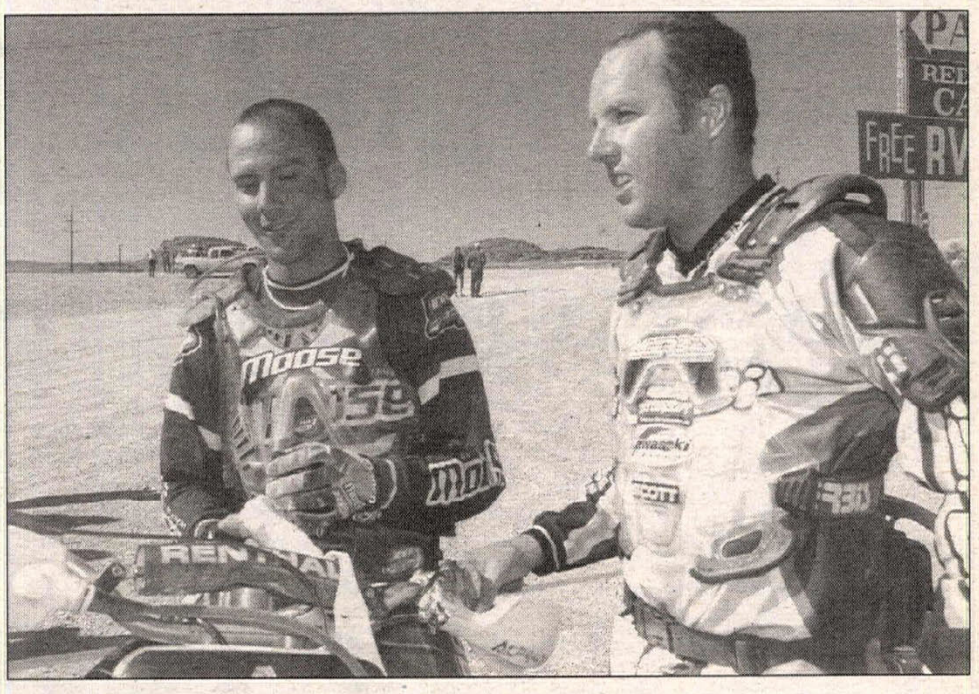
WENDOVER, NV, OCT. 10

Almost five months had passed since the last National Hare & Hound. That's a long time for the three riders who still had a shot at the 1999 title to think about it. With two rounds remaining, they came to the high desert on the Northern Utah/Nevada line with the same goal in mind. Brian Brown could clinch the title with a win here. Destry Abbott and Ty Davis both needed the win to stop Brian and stay in the chase for a title shot in the final round two weeks later.

Ron Dillon and USA Promotions, along with help from the local USRA and a big bunch of volunteers, put together a 90-mile, three-loop course that started and ended just outside the Wendover city limits, and attracted nearly 250 riders (including minis). With no rain for quite some time, dust would play a big role in the outcome of this race.

When the banner dropped on the Pro/Expert start, a hundred-plus riders held the throttle wide open all the way to the end of the relatively short bomb run in hopes of getting that holeshot and the clear air that went with it. Spectators at the end of the bomb run found themselves running for cover as the riders swung ever wider, trying to get out of the dust and into air clear enough to see where they were going. Ninety miles, 2 hours, 25 minutes later, Team Green's Destry Abbott crossed the finish line to take the overall win and keep alive his chances for the championship title.

In a field full of fast motorcycles, it was the YZF400 Yamaha of defending Hare & Hound Champion Ty Davis out in front at the end of the bomb run, beating even the factory Kawasakis (if only by a few bike lengths). As Davis



(Left) Brian Brown took third.
(Above) Kawasaki teammates Brown (left) and Abbott (right) will shoot it out for the Hare & Hound National title at the final race in Lucerne Valley, October 24.
(Below) Dry conditions at Wendover made for major dust.

slowed slightly and began to make the hard left hand turn that would put him onto the start of the course, he was unaware that Dustin Headman was coming up from behind. Charging hard, Headman attempted to pass by driving to the inside, straight across Davis' line. His bike hit the Yamaha's front wheel, sending Davis over the bars and onto the ground in front of the entire field of riders. Through the thick dust, it was impossible to tell what happened next, and it was unclear whether another (multibike) pileup in the same corner was the result of Davis and Headman coming together, or a separate incident. When the dust finally cleared enough to see, everyone was up and gone but Davis. With a push from some spectators and a few kicks, he was running again, but by now the leaders were long gone, taking with them Davis' hopes for a third national title.

"I was in fifth gear and we were just backing down to make the corner and he (Headman) just came in and clocked me," said Davis. "I went end over end, and I couldn't find my bike it was so dusty, and I thought I was going to get ran over. I just put my back like this (he hunches over with his head tucked into his chest) and I tried to look back. I knew it (the bike) was in (the dust) there somewhere, and I found it, and it was bent up. It would start and then quit, and I finally got it going."

When asked about the first-turn incident, Headman offered, "I was way on the inside and he (Davis) came in little too tight and started turning, and I didn't have nowhere to go, and hit him and he went down. It was kind of a bad deal. I hope he's all right."

Abbott watched it unfold from behind.

"I saw Dustin take Ty out. I don't think he realized we were turning, and I was about 10-20 feet behind him, and I was kind of worried about Ty because he hit him hard."

Meanwhile, out front, the riders settled into a fast pace, the dust making it all but impossible to pass.

"Brian and I went back and forth off the start, and I got him just before the road crossing, and it was so dusty that you couldn't really do anything, and I just rode smooth," said Abbott.

Headman, on a CR500, said, "I swung out a little wide (out of the first turn) and got the lead right there. (Later) I had to slow the pace down because my bike was overheating. Destry got me about half way through the second loop. I guess he had a minute off me on the second loop. I caught him pretty quick but couldn't get around his dust; there was just nowhere to go."

Team Green's Brian Brown said, "I got a two-kick start, so that wasn't that great. After Headman took Davis out, I passed Destry. I was in second and blew the next corner in the sand wash. Destry was right behind me and he had more momentum out of the corner. He passed me right there and that was about it."

Greg Zitterkopf, back after a two-year legal battle with KTM that kept him out of racing, finished fourth overall and first Vet A, on a Kawasaki 500.

"I got a good start, then got a flat tire at the start of the second loop, and I rode the whole thing with a flat front. I could see Brian in front of me, but then I'd wash out and it would remind me that I needed to slow down, especially considering our bike broke yesterday. Kawasaki put new center cases on it last night. I was just happy to be here."

Abbott held on to second until he passed Headman on the second loop. Once in front, he never gave it back. The Pro Circuit/Shoei/Acerbis/Team Green-backed rider was definitely pleased by his win.

"The last loop, Dustin caught up to me again, but it was fast and dusty, and I just rode a really good pace and kept him behind me," Abbott said. "I felt really good; it was probably the toughest win I've had. Dustin rode great, but the Kawasaki worked better.

"It would have been neat if Davis hadn't gone down and we could've seen if we could've beat him straight out. I felt pretty confident that we could. The club did a really good job. They ran us through some tight stuff. The markings were a little better."

After the events of the first turn, Montclair Yamaha's Davis had to settle for 10th place.

"The first loop was just really dusty and there were guys crashing all over the place," Abbott said. "I was 20th at the end (of the first loop) and I almost pulled in. The second loop was pretty challenging. It was a lot of old course, lots of whoops. We did get into some tight stuff, and I may have passed five or six guys on that loop."

First and second places in the 1999 Hare & Hound Championship Series will be decided at the final round at Lucerne Valley, California, on October 24.

"I'd like to win it on a good note, anything can happen," Abbott said. "Brian's a great rider, so I'm not going to doubt that can do it, that's for sure. He's my teammate in the Best of the Desert Series, and he's riding really good, so we'll see what happens. My goal is to win a championship, and I have a chance of winning the Hare & Hound, and maybe the Best in the Desert."

Brown sounded pretty matter of fact, saying, "It's coming down to Lucerne. As long as I win that one, I should have it."

One thing is for sure, though. With Davis now out of the running and no one else close, the '99 title will go to a green bike - but which one? **CN**

Wendover National
Wendover, Nevada
Results: October 10, 1999 (Round 5 of 6)

O/A: 1. Destry Abbott (Kaw); 2. Dustin Headman (Hon); 3. Brian Brown (Kaw); 4. Greg Zitterkopf (Kaw); 5. Shane Esposito (Kaw); 6. Tim Staab (Yam); 7. Brandon Gerber (Hus); 8. Kurt Caselli (Kaw); 9. Taber Murphy (Hon); 10. Ty Davis (Yam).

OPEN EX: 1. Destry Abbott (Kaw); 2. Dustin Headman (Hon); 3. Brian Brown (Kaw).

250 EX: 1. Erik Griffith (Kaw); 2. Adam Evans (Yam); 3. Brook Finlinson (Kaw).

125 EX: 1. Kurt Caselli (Kay); Dana Van Stee (Kaw); 3. Matthew Murphy (Yam).

4/STRK EX: 1. Tim Staab (Yam); 2. Brandon Gerber (Hus); 3. Tabor Murphy (Hon).

30+ EX: 1. Greg Zitterfoff (Kaw); 2. Joe Roderick (Hon); 3. Kevin Brown (Kaw).

40+ EX: 1. Charles Barney (GG); Steve Pitts (ATK); 3. Darrol Brown (Hon).

50+ EX: 1. William Maxim (Kaw); 2. Preston Gerber (KTM); 3. Harold Simons (KTM).

WMN: 1. Rebecca Gillet (Kaw); 2. Kim Bush (GG); 3. Luana Canfield (Kaw).

OPEN AM: 1. Michael Tuttle (Hon); 2. Eric Nelson (KTM); 3. Cody Robbins (Kaw).

250 AM: 1. Daniel Madsen (Hon); 2. Michael Robinson (Kaw); 3. Nathan Evans (Yam).

125 AM: 1. Tristan Sherwood (Yam); 2. Joe Hanson (Kaw); 3. Drew Bell (Yam).

4/STRK AM: 1. Darren Coles (Yam); 2. Chris Polatis (Hon); 3. Steven Whitney (Oyam).

30+ AM: 1. Chet Felix (Hon); 2. Rick Cortelyou (Kaw); 3. Kevin Capener (ATK).

40+ AM: 1. Randy Hemken (KTM); 2. Jay Brad Denver (Kaw); 3. Mike Robinson (Kaw).

OPEN NOV: 1. Scott Simmons; 2. Devin Laurence; 3. Tem Neal.

250 NOV: 1. Ron Schroeder; 2. Darrin Tuckett; 3. Jacob Weeks.

125 NOV: 1. Billy Hagen; 2. Steven Miller; 3. Robert Judd.

4/STRK NOV: 1. Jerry Jones; 2. Travis Good; 3. Brent Stoddard.

30+ NOV: 1. Tod Chapman; 2. Mike Hason; 3. Todd Evans.

35+ NOV: 1. Mitch Webster; 2. Paul Grieder; 3. Cary Sorenson.

40+ NOV: 1. Mark Litchfield; 2. Dave Rousonille; 3. Bruce McLaughin.

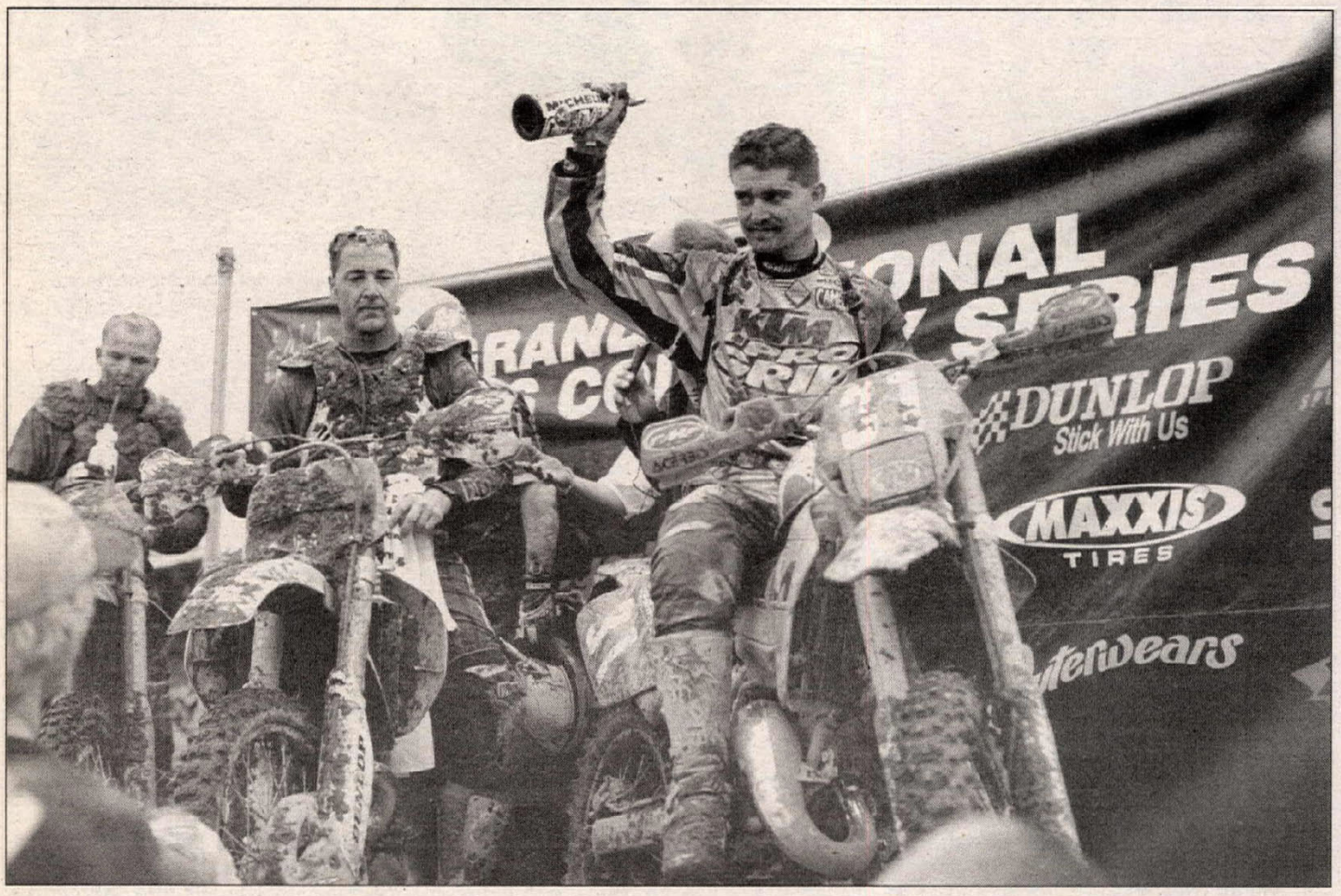
ANTIQUE: 1. Jeff Good; 2. Jeff Taft.

BOMBER: 1. Justin Dack.

Round 12: Scarecrow GNCC

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

Fifth win for Watts, second title for Smith



OCT. 10, LISBON, OH

For the fifth time in 1999, Australian upstart Shane Watts scored an overall win on his KTM 125 in the AMA Grand National Cross Country Series, edging Team Suzuki's Rodney Smith by just three seconds at the Scarecrow GNCC in muddy Lisbon, Ohio. However, second place was all that Smith needed to clinch his second consecutive series championship aboard his RM250 Suzuki.

"We did it," summed up Smith of his afternoon and season. "It feels great to stand up here and be the champion again. It was a little bit tougher than it was last year, but I brought a lot of problems on myself at the beginning of the year. Through the summer I had some health problems which didn't make it any easier, but I stayed focused and got back up on top. You know, it was an up-and-down year for everybody, which proves the strength and depth of the series. Last year I proved to the fans and everyone that I could win, and this year I proved that I can back it up. I'm really proud that a lot of people have gotten behind me, and I want to thank the fans and the people at Suzuki and all of my sponsors for winning this championship."

For the 27-year-old Watts, it truly was an up-and-down year. After winning four of the first five races he entered in the series, Watts suffered a severe knee injury that cost him three months and a shot at the series championship. Rather than sit out the rest of the series, Watts returned last month at less than 100 percent to try to salvage what he could as far as the GNCC tour goes. After misfiring at two previous events, he got back on the winning track in Ohio to take his fifth overall win - the most in the series.

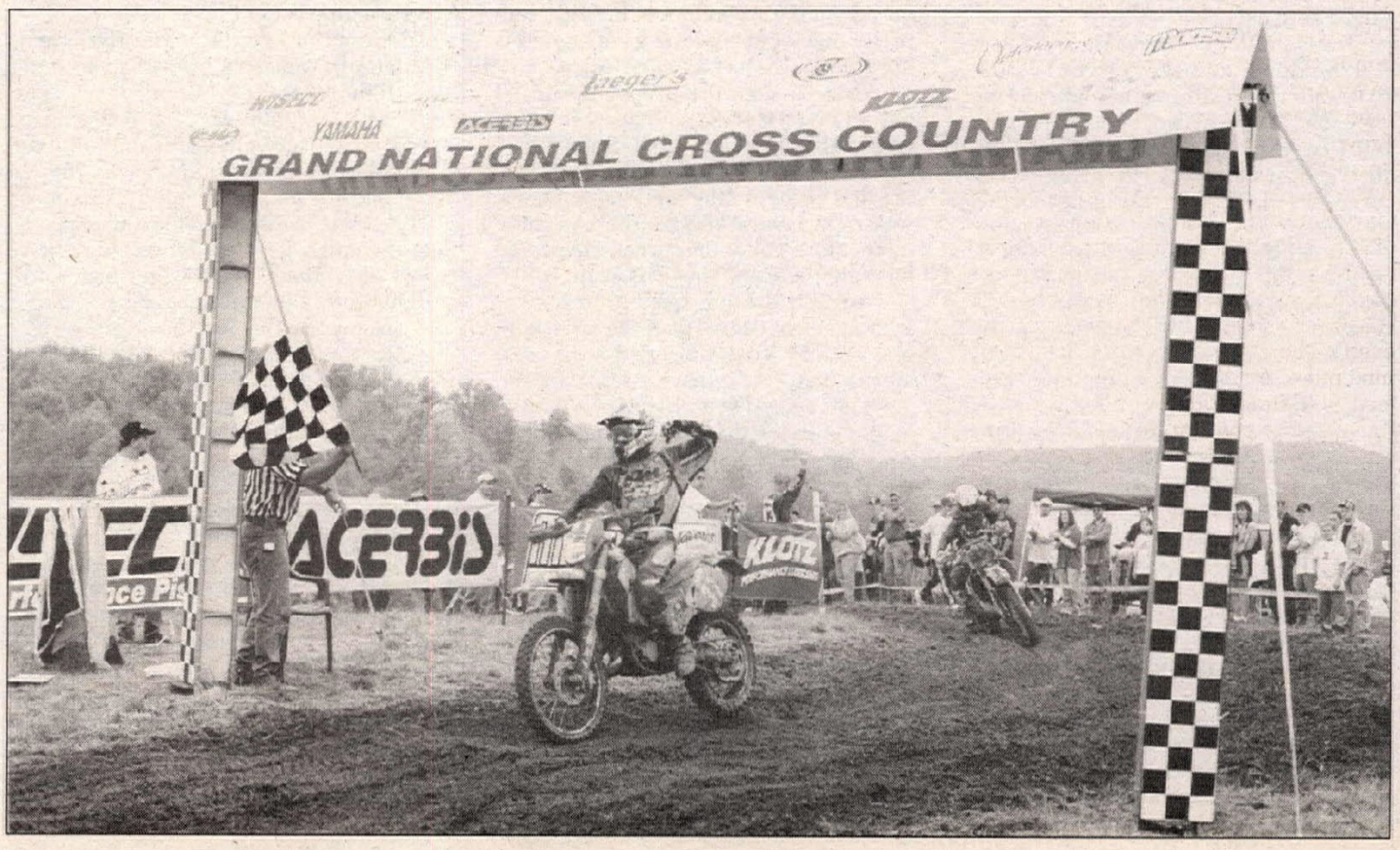
"Bring on the champagne," said a thrilled Watts after the narrow victory, his first since May. "I was just cruising along, trying to hang in there as long as I could. My fitness has been a bit of question the last two rounds, but I figured if I didn't hold any aspirations of winning and not put any pressure on myself, things might work out my way, and that's exactly what happened."

"I was trying to ride a smart race and I knew I only needed to beat Freddy (Andrews) to win the championship," explained Smith of his race. "That started playing with my mind a little bit, but I held the pace with the guys and hung in there. With a couple of laps to go I didn't know if Freddy was still in the race or not, but I knew it was time to, pick it up and go after the win."

Finishing a GNCC career-high third overall - and giving Team KTM two podium finishers - was former AMA National Enduro Series Champion Mike Lafferty. The New Jersey-based pilot was in the hunt for the overall win all day long for the win, but the battle between Watts and Smith carried them away from Lafferty on the last lap. He settled for third overall, just 35 seconds behind winner Watts.

"Man, that was awesome," said Lafferty, who is backed by KTM, Trelleborg, Moose, Scott and FMF. "I rode pretty smart and tried to follow the top guys, and the last two laps I really want-

(Above) "Bring on the champagne," said KTM's Shane Watts (far right) after posting his fifth GNCC win this season at Lisbon, Ohio. Rodney Smith (center) took second behind Watts, but more importantly, clinched his second consecutive GNCC championship by beating out Fred Andrews, who dropped out prematurely due to brake problems. Third-place finisher Mike Lafferty (left) made it two on the podium for KTM.
(Below) After three hours of racing, it ended this close. Watts takes the checkered flag mere seconds in front of Smith.



ed to charge because I've been training really hard and I felt like I was ready to go. The track wasn't too rough and it was real fast. I really concentrated on staying with Shane and Rodney, but we got into lappers and they got away from me. I just put my head down and rode to the end. I want to congratulate Shane for getting the win and Rodney on the championship."

Smith's Suzuki teammate Steve Hatch was fourth overall, while enduro legend Randy Hawkins placed a season-best fifth on his Yamaha YZ400F.

Coming into the penultimate round of the 13-race series in Lisbon, only Ohio's own Fred Andrews had a shot at knocking the crown off Smith's head. The Team Green/Pro Circuit/Acerbis/Moose/CTi/Uni/Tsubaki/Andrews Racing-backed Andrews had won two straight events to keep his title hopes alive, but needed to win each of the last two races to stay in the picture. Andrews grabbed the holeshot and contended for the early lead, but the former '93 GNCC champion was out of the race by the fourth lap after snapping off his brake pedal in a collision with Team Suzuki's Paul Edmondson. That effectively ended the title chase for this season in favor of FMF/IMS/Dunlop/Alpinestars-backed Smith.

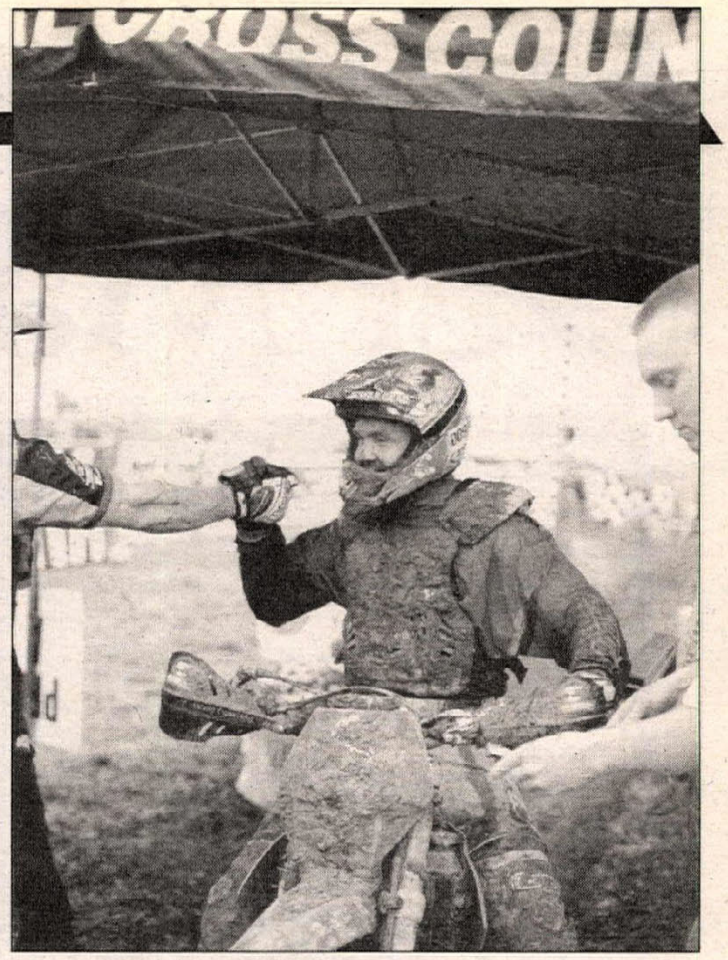
Smith's championship was his second in a row and second ever in GNCC racing. He joins five-time champion Scott Summers ('90-'92, '96, '97), two-time champion Scott Plessinger ('94-'95) and Andrews ('93) on the list of this decade's GNCC #1 riders.

"It was a heck of a year and we're really glad to have the championship again," said Team Suzuki off-road boss Mike Webb. "Congratulations to Shane for coming back and winning - he showed that he's going to be a force to be reckoned with next year. Also, my hat is off to Freddy Andrews, who rode one of the best races I ever saw in my life at Mt. Morris two weeks ago. He gave us a trouble all year long and made us work hard for this championship. Our whole team had to work their butts off. The GNCC Series is a war of attrition, and the guy who makes it to the end is the guy who wins, and that's what makes it such a great title to win."

Smith is wrenched by former off-road star Mark Hyde, a four-time winner of the legendary Blackwater 100.

Due to a disputed road crossing, the Scarecrow GNCC was moved at the last minute from its original site 20 miles away to the property of former Ohio racer Steve Johnson, which is dubbed Crow Canyon Raceway. (Lisbon is also known as the hometown of former AMA 500cc National MX Champion Gary Semics.) The 12th round of the GNCC Series was the first race ever held on the property, which meant a completely virgin trail for the more than 500 riders who showed up for the weekend event. The course measured just over nine miles, mostly through tight woods and fast fields. Early morning rain caused some concern for the Pro riders, but the preceding novice race served as a dirt Zamboni for the muddy course, making conditions much better for the afternoon run. Lap times measured right around the 23-minute mark throughout the race. Watts' overall winning time was two hours, 54 minutes, 45 seconds.

With his back against the wall, Andrews responded with a holeshot to lead everyone off the dead-engine start. Unfortunately, he missed the trail and surrendered the lead. At the end of the first lap, the order read Smith, Edmondson, former champion Scott Plessinger, West Virginia's Doug Blackwell, Hatch and Andrews.



(Above left) Like Team Green's Fred Andrews, Steve Hatch has had a string of podium finishes, but in Lisbon he just couldn't keep up with the front three's pace.
(Above right) Third place was Lafferty's best-ever GNCC finish. The two-time National Enduro champion was extremely happy to join Watts and Smith on the podium. Lafferty led a triplet of former enduro champions, which included fourth placed Steve Hatch and fifth placed Randy Hawkins.

Throughout the early laps the lead changed hands back and forth between Smith and his teammate Hatch. Watts was a dismal 15th at the end of the first of seven total laps, but he did manage to climb into fourth by the end of the second lap.

At the halfway point, Smith led, with Edmondson holding second ahead of Lafferty, Watts, and a solid-riding Blackwell. Andrews was out this time, and early contender Jim Jarrett, Andrews' teammate and a local favorite, crashed out as well.

Throughout the second half of the race, the lead pack traded turns out front. It appeared that Smith was in the driver's seat with two laps to go, but Watts proved to be a more consistent pilot on this day.

"What an I say? Shane was right there all day and he rode smart," explained Smith. "I made a few mistakes, mostly because it was slippery. I was up there on the last lap and pulling away, but I made a couple of mistakes and he got me. It was tough running that pace in these conditions, and I was trying to run away but I lost the front end. I caught back up but there wasn't any time left for me."

"I was trying not to think about Rodney because he was coming at me with a really hard pace, and I knew someone was going to have to crash at that pace, because that's what happened all year," explained Watts of the sprint for the finish. "Luckily it was Rodney who crashed, and I ended up back in the winner's circle."

"My knee hasn't been the problem, but my fitness has," added Michelin/Pro Grip/Alpinestars/Acerbis/Arai/FMF/Moose Tubes-backed Watts, who also won last weekend's AMA National Hare Scrambles race in Indiana. "I think I proved that I'm ready now, so like I said this morning, 'Let's get it on.'"

Prerace contender Barry Hawk Jr., who finished on the podium at the last race in Pennsylvania, was hoping that by parking his quadcycle for this event, he might better his chances of actually winning the motorcycle overall. (Hawk had already wrapped up his seventh consecutive quadcycle championship before the Scarecrow event.) Hawk actually had the fastest lap time of the day in the middle part of the race (21:13), but then suffered an injury.

"I hit a tree with my arm and banged it up pretty good," said Hawk after gutting it out for eighth in the Pro class. "I was going to quit because I thought it might be broke, but I decided to keep the pain in the back of my head and get a finish."

Hawk's teammate Randy Hawkins put in his best GNCC ride of the year for fifth overall in Ohio.

"The track was really good and my Yamaha was working great," said Hawkins, who hails from South Carolina. "It's just been taking some time to get used to this four-stroke, but I think I have a good handle on it now. I had a bad start - maybe dead last - but once I got rolling I was really happy with the way I rode. I caught Paul Edmondson with a lap to go and ended up pulling off a fifth."

Rounding out the top 10 overall were Edmondson, Blackwell, Hawk, Ohio's own Chuck Woodford, and North Carolina's Steve McSwain.

With one race left and the title clinched by Smith, the rest of the standings show Andrews pretty much a lock in second, Hatch third and Hawk fourth. **CN**

Scarecrow GNCC
Lisbon, Ohio
Results: October 10, 1999
(Round 12 of 13)

O/A: 1. Shane Watts (KTM); 2. Rodney Smith (Suz); 3. Michael Lafferty (KTM); 4. Steve Hatch (Suz); 5. Randy Hawkins (Yam); 6. Paul Edmondson (Suz); 7. Doug Blackwell (Yam); 8. Barry E. Hawk Jr. (Yam); 9. Chuck Woodford (Kaw); 10. Steve McSwain (Kaw); 11. Joel Dengler (Suz); 12. Robbie Jenks (Yam); 13. Blair Bersano (Suz); 14. Jason Raines (Kaw); 15. Shawn Reed (Hus); 16. Rod Stuckey (Kaw); 17. Gene Onail (Kaw); 18. Scott McLaughlin (Yam); 19. Jason Cater (Hon); 20. Tim Shephard (Yam).

200 A: 1. Cole Calkins (Kaw); 2. Kelvin Hull (Suz); 3. Robert Hudnall Jr. (Suz); 4. Aaron Johns (Kaw); 5. Curt Wilcox (Kaw).

200 B: 1. Joshua Knapp (Kaw); 2. Mike Ross (Yam); 3. Brett Zofchak (Kaw); 4. Justin Maxwell (Kaw); 5. Todd Morrow (Kaw).

250 A: 1. Chuck Woodford (Kaw); 2. Steve McSwain (Kaw); 3. Rod Stuckey (Kaw); 4. Andy Shea (KTM); 5. Daniel Beck (G-G).

250 B: 1. Brad Hamrick (Yam); 2. Scott Guinter (G-G); 3. Brian Wright (Kaw); 4. Norman Feth (Yam); 5. Gary Fridley (Suz).

4-STRK A: 1. Darius Lattea (Yam); 2. Jeff Melik (Yam); 3. Marty Michels (Hon); 4. Jonathan Skinner (Yam); 5. Stacey Clark (Yam).

4-STRK B: 1. Marshall Young (Hon); 2. Shane Munger (Yam); 3. William Dowlin (Hon); 4. Mike Villers (Yam); 5. Todd Mount (Yam).

OPEN A: 1. Dave Gunn (Hon); 2. Michael Grizzle (Hsb); 3. Don Bohn (KTM); 4. Chad Coon (KTM); 5. Mark Adkins (KTM).

OPEN B: 1. Brian Sovak (Hon); 2. Ryan Barrett (KTM); 3. Terry Hartman (KTM); 4. Steven Linton (KTM); 5. Benjamin Smith (Hon).

SR 40+ A: 1. Jeff Bonasera (Kaw); 2. Mike McCarren (Yam); 3. Mark Smith (KTM); 4. Rick Thompson (Kaw).

SR 40+ B: 1. Robin Miller (Yam); 2. Robert Hudnall (Kaw); 3. Mark Mihalik (Kaw); 4. James Vicheck (Yam); 5. Sam Appis (Yam).

VET 30+ A: 1. Gene Onail (Kaw); 2. Tim Shephard (Yam); 3. Richard Burbick (G-G); 4. Jeff Murgel (Kaw); 5. Mark Sherwood (KTM).

VET 30+ B: 1. Lionel Asselin (Yam); 2. Ray Owens (KTM); 3. James Bender (Hon); 4. Todd Temple (KTM); 5. David Sheehan (Hon).

125/200 C: 1. Brian Melik (Kaw); 2. Scott Watkins (Kaw); 3. Thomas Grogg (Yam); 4. Mike Mihalik (KTM); 5. Eric Spencer (KTM).

250/OPEN C: 1. Mico Borsuk (Hon); 2. Daryl Gentry (Yam); 3. Eric Hone (Suz); 4. Len Kapton (KTM); 5. Jeffrey Dunn (Hon).

4-STRK C: 1. Michael Reed (Yam); 2. Charles Taylor (Yam); 3. David Riel (Hon); 4. Lanny Zeunges (Kaw); 5. David Mihalko (Hon).

Morning Race O/A: 1. Terry Mealer (Yam); 2. Brian Melik (Kaw); 3. Mico Borsuk (Hon); 4. Wayne Beatty (Yam); 5. Daryl Gentry (Yam); 6. Frank Erbe (Yam); 7. David Powell (Hon); 8. Scott Watkins (Kaw); 9. Thomas Grogg (Yam); 10. Eric Hone (Suz); 11. Ronald Hartman (KTM); 12. Mike Mihalik (KTM); 13. Len Kapton (KTM); 14. Eric Spencer (KTM); 15. Justin Fluharty (KTM); 16. Jeffrey Dunn (Hon); 17. Christopher Spear (Hon); 18. Mark Brooks (Kaw); 19. William Bova (Yam); 20. Dan Mills (Hon).

SR 40+ C: 1. Douglas Noll (Hon); 2. Bradley Kokowski (Yam); 3. Eric Guenther (Yam); 4. David Diatri (Kaw); 5. Ray Drugmand (Yam).

SPRTSMN: 1. Alan Randt (KTM); 2. Mark Hyde (Suz).

S/SR: 1. Terry Mealer (Yam); 2. Wayne Beatty (Yam); 3. Frank Erbe (Yam); 4. Thomas Ebersole (CRE); 5. Jack Falbo (Kaw).

VET 30+ C: 1. David Powell (Hon); 2. Ronald Hartman (KTM); 3. Daniel Frkuska (Suz); 4. Greg Nehr (Suz); 5. Mark Willman (Suz).

MINI INT (12-13): 1. Justin Dyke (Kaw); 2. Travis Green (Kaw); 3. D.R. Atwood (Suz); 4. Brandon Maxwell (Kaw); 5. Brad Hensley (Hon).

MINI JR: 1. Tony Hall (Suz); 2. Brian Guenther (Yam); 3. Bradley Spevock (Suz); 4. Thad Duvall (Suz); 5. Morgan Green (Kaw).

MINI SR (14-15): 1. Joshua Whisnant (Hon); 2. Ryan Hiscox (Kaw); 3. Michael Teeter (Kaw); 4. Aaron Johnson (Kaw); 5. Drew Eggleston (Kaw).

YTH O/A: 1. Joshua Whisnant (Hon); 2. Justin Dyke (Kaw); 3. Travis Green (Kaw); 4. Ryan Hiscox (Kaw); 5. D. R. Atwood (Suz); 6. Michael Teeter (Kaw); 7. Aaron Johnson (Kaw); 8. Drew Eggleston (Kaw); 9. Josh Patton (Kaw); 10. Tony Hall (Suz); 11. Brandon Maxwell (Kaw); 12. Brian Guenther (Yam); 13. Brad Wilson (Hon); 14. Brad Hensley (Hon); 15. Sterling Daniels (Kaw); 16. Jennifer Shultz (Yam); 17. Eric Noel (Hon); 18. Chad Tallman (Kaw); 19. Bradley Spevock (Suz); 20. Andrew Schwanekamp (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Jennifer Shultz (Yam); 2. Bonnie Hamrick (Yam); 3. Sandra Cummings (Suz).

POINT STANDINGS (after 12 of 13 rounds): 1. Rodney Smith (174/4 wins); 2. Fred Andrews (165/2); 3. Steve Hatch (160); 4. Barry Hawk (139); 5. Paul Edmondson (121); 6. Michael Lafferty (120); 7. Shane Watts (119/5); 8. Robbie Jenks (108); 9. Doug Blackwell (105); 10. Joel Dengler (101).

Upcoming Round:
Round 13 - Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 24

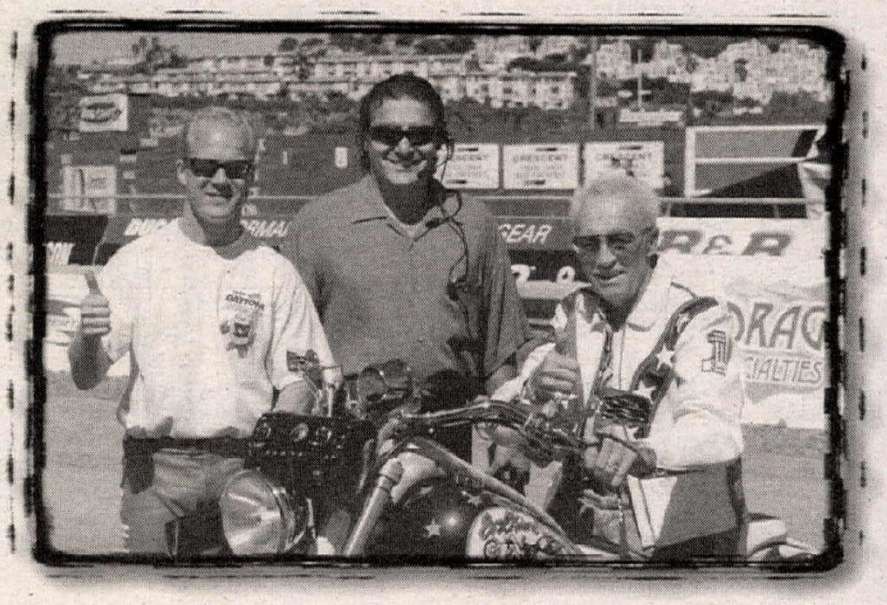
Del Mar memories

Photos by Andrea Phillips and Shawna Rousseau

WITH ALL THAT TAKES PLACE AT THE DEL MAR Motorcycle Weekend each year, it is difficult to find enough space in Cycle News to give the event adequate coverage. For Del Mar is more than just another dirt track race, just another motorcycle show. It represents a point of convergence for the past, present - and perhaps even the future - of motorcycling.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Here are but a few thousand more from a historic race weekend. CN

(Left) The MD Promotions freestyle motocross team took to the air at the Del Mar Motorcycle Expo on Saturday. They also performed at the Del Mar Mile on Sunday.

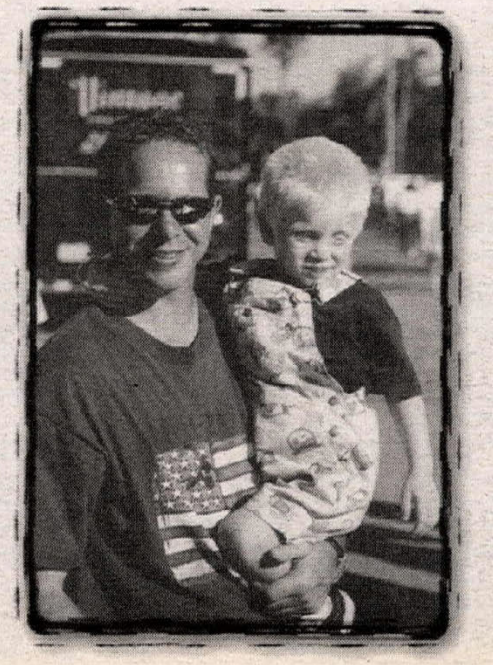


(Above) In the presence of Evel: (Left to right) Newly crowned AMA Grand National Champion Chris Carr and Del Mar promoter Chris Agajanian chill with the King of the Stuntmen, Evel Knievel himself.

(Left) Willie McCoy and one of his DPC crewmates took a championship victory lap after McCoy won the Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance race by an elbow.

(Left) Scott Parker's favorite license plate. This one can be found on the factory Harley boxvan.

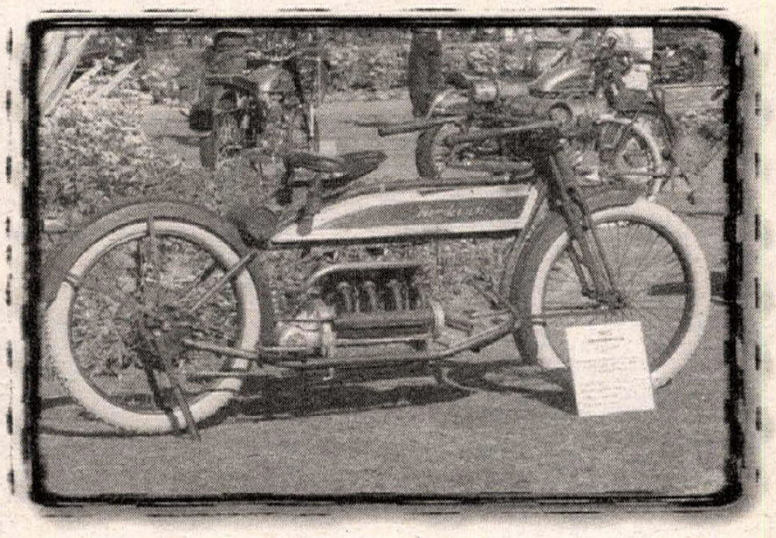
(Left) Entrants for the K&N Filters Del Mar Mile lined up before a packed grandstand for rider introductions on Sunday.



(Right) Two generations of Parkers took in the Del Mar Concours D'Elegance and Motorcycle Expo on Saturday.

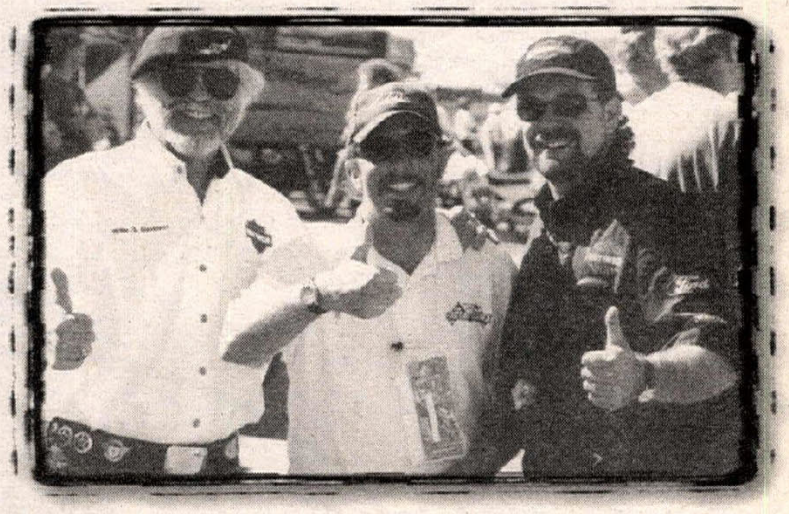
(Above) Five-time National event winner and 1953 AMA Grand National Champion Bill Tuman gears up for the annual Lap of the Legends before the Del Mar Mile on Sunday.

(Below) Michelle DiSalvo had a great season competing in the Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance and SuperTrapp SuperTracker series. DiSalvo is the only female to carry a GNC license.



(Above) This Henderson Four occupied a place of prominence in the plaza in front of the grandstands during the Del Mar Concours D'Elegance on Saturday.

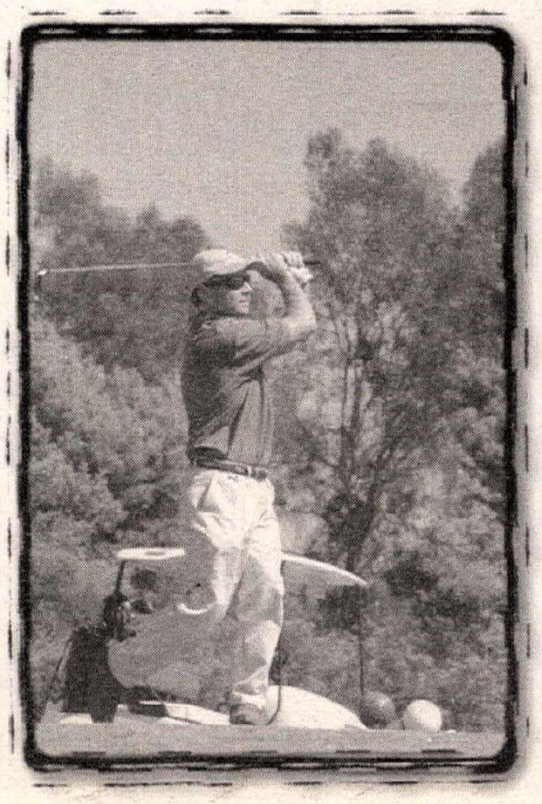
(Below) Willie G. Davidson (left) and William F. Davidson (right) realize a lifelong dream in getting the chance to pose with Cycle News associate editor Scott Rousseau. Umm... yeah... sure!



(Right) Former factory racer Jim Davis (left), shown with friend Dee Cameron (right), made his usual appearance at Del Mar. Davis is 103 years young and still going strong.

(Below) The future? Nick Cummings, son of TCR Racing's Tom Cummings, competed in the Clayton Foundation golf tournament on Friday and the Skip Van Leeuwen Short Track on Saturday night. Cummings is already a multi-time amateur national dirt track champion.

(Below) Kevin Atherton was absent but not forgotten at Del Mar. The former race winner's helmet and leathers were among items auctioned off to help him with his already astronomical medical bills.



(Left) Payne Stewart? Nope, That's Will Davis teeing off at the Clayton Foundation golf tournament on Friday. All proceeds from the tourny went to aid injured motorcyclists.

FIM 125cc World MX Champion Alessio Chiodi

3 times a champ

By Geoff Meyer

Alessio Chiodi is a three-time World Motocross Champion.

Who would have ever thought we would be saying that four years ago, after Chiodi got a thorough thrashing in the World 250cc Motocross Series? But it just goes to show how quickly things can change.

Before that disastrous one-year stint in the 250cc class, Chiodi produced some fair results in the 125cc class. In the 1993 World 125cc MX Series, Chiodi rode his Honda to an eighth-place finish by year's end. The short-in-stature but strong Italian continued to put in two more years in the 125cc class. In 1994, Chiodi stepped it up and was a serious contender for the title, just missing out on the number-one plate to American Bobby Moore. The following year, Chiodi left Honda and signed with Yamaha, filling the void left by Moore who moved to another team. Once again, Chiodi spent the '95 season fighting for the title, and, once again, came up just short, losing out to Alessandro Puzar. It was a tough loss for the Italian,who had, during the course of the year, blown the doors off the likes of American Jimmy Button and Frenchman Sebastien Tortelli. Chiodi was certainly coming of age.

Despite the loss, Chiodi had strengthened his confidence and knew his own title was just around the corner. But a change to the 250cc class the following year nearly cost him all that confidence he had just built up. Chiodi just couldn't get it together in the 250cc class, finishing 16th overall. His only high point that year was a third-place podium finish.

Chiodi returned to the 125cc class in '97 and finally got his long-waited title. He followed that up with two more titles, becoming only the third rider since Harry Everts and Gaston Rahier to win three 125cc World titles in a row.

"I am a part of history," Chiodi said shortly after winning his third title in a row. "I am very proud to be able to say that.

"Those first few years on the championship trail were tough," he said. "Moving to the 250cc class was a mistake at the time, but I learned everything in those years and I would not change anything."

The 1999 season was another learning experience for Chiodi. The first round of the championship was held in France, and straight away Chiodi was on the defensive. American Jeff Dement rode into Chiodi more than once in the second moto. The two engaged in a brilliant struggle for the win, with "Chicco" just edging out the American for the win. Chicco also had to fight for victory in the first moto, as French local Johnny Aubert led the moto and looked likely to go away until a broken chain left him stranded on the side of the track. Chiodi, though, expected to win regardless.

"Aubert and Dement were fast," Chiodi said. "I saw from the way they were riding that I could catch them and pass them. Aubert DNFed and that was a shame - I wanted to pass him on the track"

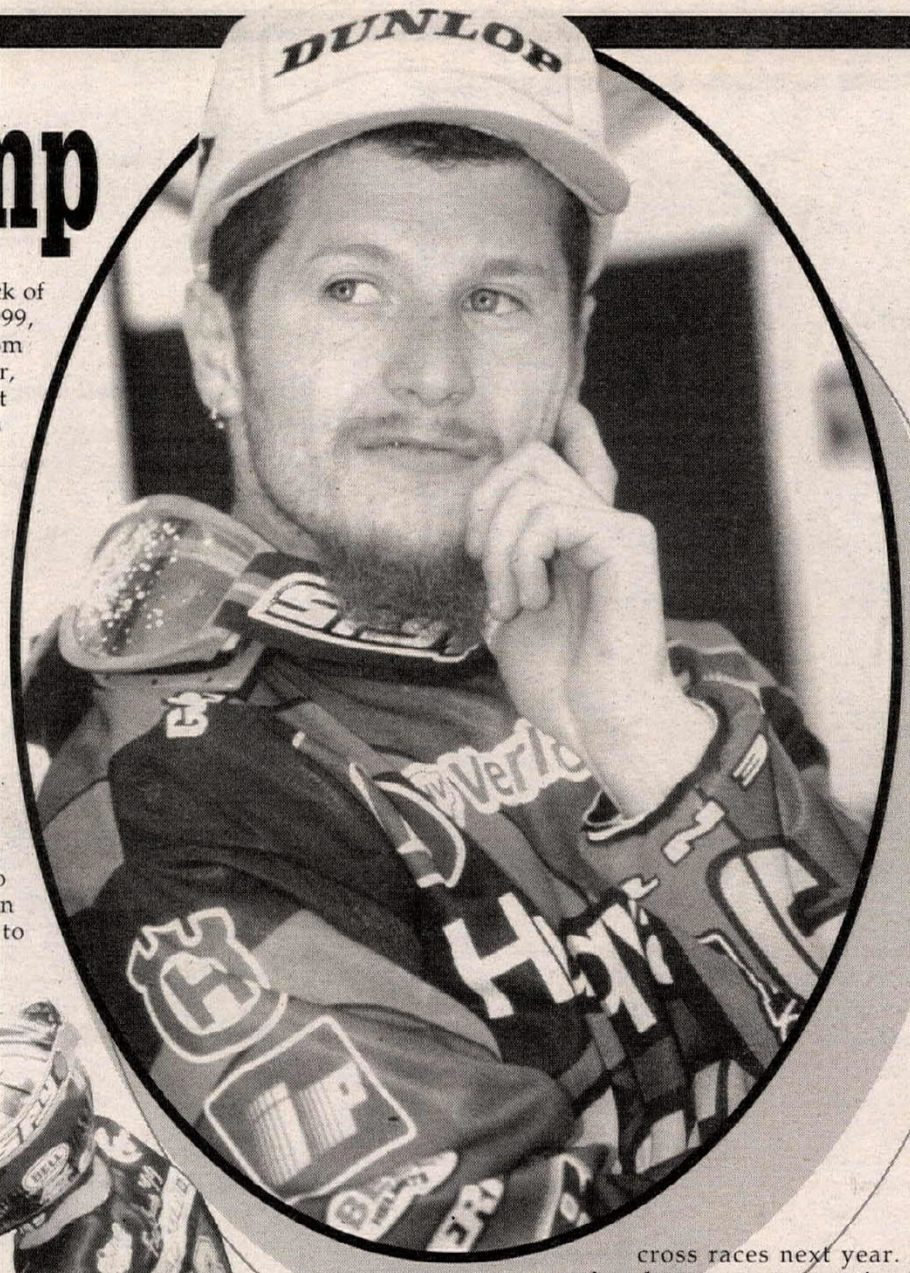
With his confidence still on a high, Chiodi raced through the season with the same determination as the two previous years, and it was little surprise that after France he won eight of the 13 rounds.

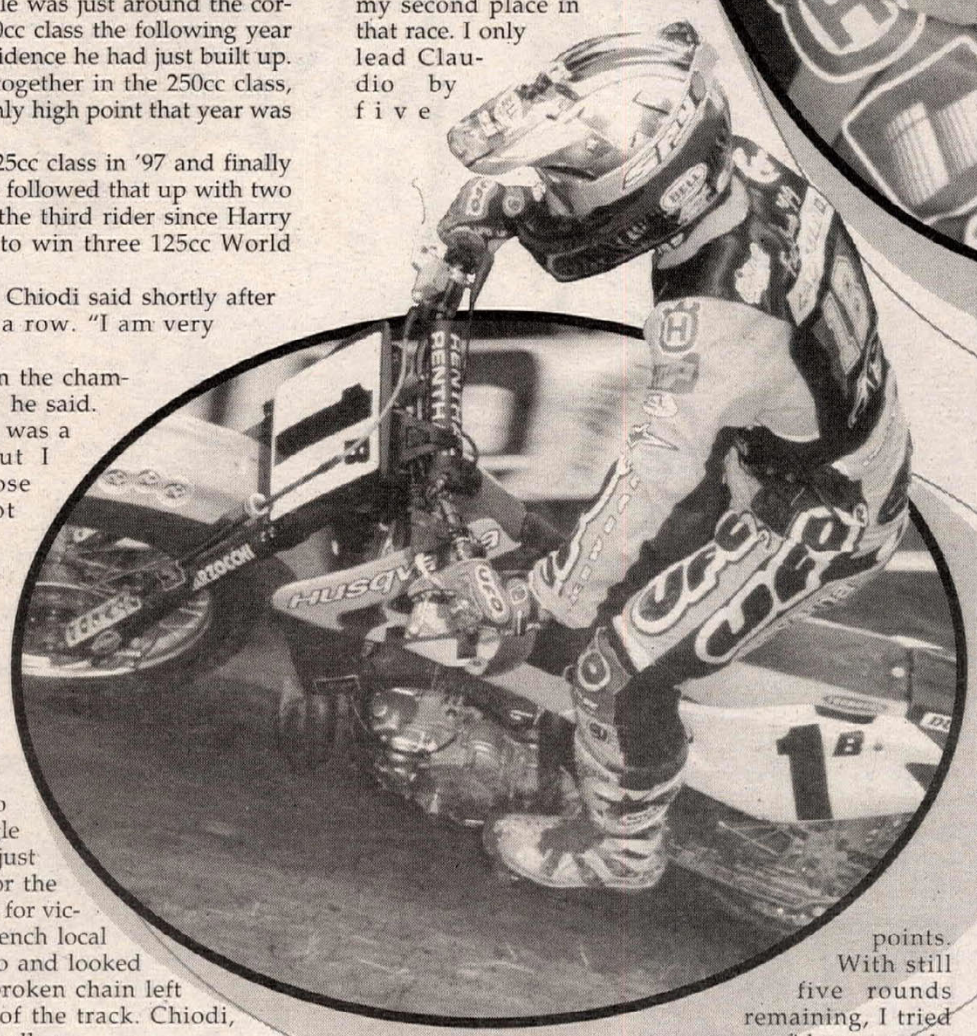
A rider who did keep Chiodi honest, though, was fellow Italian Motocross des Nations teammate Claudio Federici. Federici won most of the scraps Chiodi had left; at times Federici even looked capable of winning the championship, only to have Chiodi come back a race later and kill that notion.

"Claudio was my biggest problem all year long," Chiodi said. "I knew that coming into the year, he was going to be tough. He also wants very much to be a world champion."

One place Chiodi had been unbeatable in previous years was the hillside track of Cingoli, Italy. Yet, in 1999, Federici stole a moto from Chiodi. Federici, however, blew it big time in the next moto, crashing three times and handing Chiodi his second overall win of the year. It pretty much went his way until the competition arrived at Foxhill in England. Chiodi would DNF the second moto of the day with a broken clutch, and Feders would claim 1-1 results.

"Foxhill was my worst day all year," Chiodi said. "I was acting like it did not matter, but inside I was getting worried. I had also crashed into Mike Brown in the first moto and had to fight really hard to get my second place in that race. I only lead Claudio by five points. With still five rounds remaining, I tried to stay confident, no problem."





Chiodi, though, only needed a few points in the final round in Germany, and it was there that he says was his best GP of the year.

"Of course I won the Championship in Germany," Chiodi said, "but it was not that, why I liked that round. I crashed in the second moto and was last, then I finished in fifth place. I was really happy with that. I fought hard and it gave me a great feeling. I did not need to race through to fifth, I could have gone back to the pits."

Chiodi, who will now move to America to race, says he is sure - this time - that he is making the correct career move.

"I really think I can be quicker in supercross than outdoors," Chiodi said. "I practice before when I was younger. When I was in America at the start of the year, I was very close to getting on the podium in two events. In the back of my head, I think I can win supercross races next year. I will also change my preparation in the off-season. I will race the first and last rounds of the World Supercross Championship in France and Germany, that will make it a little easier for my first races in America."

Chiodi will also get in some extra races prior to his first Supercross race, which will be in California on January 8.

"I want to race as many races to prepare for the Supercross Championship," Chiodi said. "I will do some early season event, probably the Glen Helen race - some of those Southern Californian motocross championships."

Chiodi also has to learn the American outdoor tracks once he finishes his supercross season.

"I think learning the tracks will be difficult," Chiodi said. "You don't get much pre-race practice. The tracks are not rock-hard like in Europe, and they have many lines. In Europe you learn a line for the next moto. In America they disc the track, so the lines you had in the first moto are gone for the second."

With the World 125cc MX Championship over, Chiodi headed to America to ride the last two 125cc Nationals, but did not find much success.

"The bike was not set up," Chiodi said. "I am not at all worried by what happen in America last month. Carl Nunn finished something like sixth overall, and I know I can race with Nunn. I just need to work on the bike for American conditions and we will win races."

Chiodi does not compare himself to Greg Albertyn, who rode injured for many races in his first years in America.

"I think I can win in supercross," Chiodi said. "I will concentrate on winning the supercross races. Why not? I can win. I don't think about not winning in America, I go there to win."

The Italian World Champion will also give the American lifestyle a chance, but he will still make many trips home to Italy.

"I am not sure if we will buy a house in America," Chiodi said. "I want to come home a lot. I will race the first few rounds of the supercross, then we have a rest. In that rest, I will return to Italy and then go back to America for the outdoor series. I can live in America if I have to, no problem. Also, at the races it is not as difficult as here. In America, you don't spend as much time at the track. Due to the practice being short, you only ride an hour or so, then go shopping." CN

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NMA BRANSON MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Left) Mike Alessi was undeniably the most successful Mini rider at the Branson Motocross Championships in Missouri. Alessi walked away with five class wins. (Above) Matthew Burris topped the 80cc (12-13) Modified class.

Branson USA
Branson, Missouri
Results: October 1-3, 1999

KTM RACE OF CHAMPS: 1. Mike Alessi; 2. Dennis Jonon; 3. Zach Osborne; 4. Cole Seely; 5. Ronny Jackson.

50 STK (4-6): 1. Dakota Garner (Cob); 2. Grant Ransdell (Lem); 3. Eli Tomac (Cob); 4. Bryce Stewart (Cob); 5. Brett Downey (Cob).

50 MOD (4-6): 1. Dakota Garner (Cob); 2. Grant Ransdell (Lem); 3. Brett Downey (Cob); 4. Dylan Schmoke (KTM); 5. Eli Tomac (Cob).

50 STK (7-8): 1. Colton Bailey (Cob); 2. Trevor Reis (Cob); 3. Michael McArthur (Cob); 4. Michael Hall (Cob); 5. Spencer Cook (Cob).

50 MOD (7-8): 1. Nic Paluzzi (Cob); 2. D.J. Ellis (Cob); 3. Colton Bailey (Cob); 4. Michael McArthur (Cob); 5. Trevor Reis (Cob).

50 S/P/W (6-9): 1. Bubba Crosby (Cob); 2. Colton Bailey (Cob); 3. D.J. Ellis (Cob); 4. Jake Erickson (Cob); 5. Steven Squire (KTM).

65 STK (6-8): 1. Ty Bowers (Kaw); 2. Colton Bailey (Kaw); 3. Ben LaMay (KTM); 4. D.J. Ellis (KTM); 5. Madison Hambright (Kaw).

65 MOD (6-8): 1. Ty Bowers (Kaw); 2. Ben LaMay (KTM); 3. Colton Bailey (Kaw); 4. Madison Hambright (Kaw); 5. Bubba Crosby (Cob).

65 STK (9-11): 1. Mike Alessi (KTM); 2. Dennis Jonon (Kaw); 3. Zach Osborne (KTM); 4. Ronny Jackson (Kaw); 5. Cole Seely (KTM).

65 MOD (9-11): 1. Mike Alessi (KTM); 2. Zach Osborne (KTM); 3. Jimmy Albertson (KTM); 4. Ryan Dungey (Kaw); 5. Cole Seely (KTM).

80 STK (0-11): 1. Mike Alessi (Yam); 2. Dennis Jonon (Kaw); 3. Patrick Massie (Suz); 4. Ryan Dungey (Suz); 5. Ty Bowers (Kaw).

80 MOD (0-11): 1. Mike Alessi (Yam); 2. Dennis Jonon (Kaw); 3. Ryan Dungey (Suz); 4. Zach Osborne (KTM); 5. Bud Gassert (Kaw).

80 STK (12-13): 1. Jonathan Kerr (Kaw); 2. Riley Kurosky (Suz); 3. Matthew Burris (Yam); 4. Stephen Simmoneau (Hon); 5. Tony Traxler (Yam).

Alessi true blue at Branson

By Tony Alessi

GALENA, MO, OCT. 1-3

Mike Alessi made a successful transition to new equipment - a Yamaha YZ80 and a KTM 65 - posting five separate class victories. He won the 60cc Stock and Modified (9-11) classes, the 85cc Stock and Modified (7-11) classes, and the KTM Race of Champions final event during the NMA Branson Motocross Championships, held in a small town just outside the Midwestern city of lights - Branson, Missouri.

"This year, we have almost a thousand racers," said race promoter Ron Henrickson. "This race draws a lot of riders from the plains states. We don't run qualifiers, and the track is all natural terrain, and for many, it's their only chance all year to race against America's best motocrossers."

"We came to Branson this year to focus on the Race of Champions, since this is such a prestigious event," Alessi said, "but a week before this national, I was able to get my new Yamaha 80s and KTM 65s, and I raced back home at a Trans-Cal event and felt fast enough right away to race the Branson National on my new bikes. So I did, and everything turned out great."

Alessi had no problems aboard his 20-hp R&D Racing Engine KTM 65s in the 65cc (9-11) division. He swept every moto of every race, with KTM teammates Zach Osborne and Cole Seely playing catch-up in just about every moto of both the Stock and Modified classes.

The 80cc (7-11) class victories came a little tougher, though, after a struggle in an early moto of the Modified race.

"Our race in the 80cc Modified class was an early-morning race, and the track was pretty muddy and I fell a couple times," Alessi explained. "Our bike still had stock tires and suspension, and hard-pack tires and stiff suspension is kind of a bad combination for the mud."

Despite the falls, Alessi was able to race back to second place, behind local champion Dennis Jonon.

"I am glad I was able to get back to second," Alessi said. "Now all I have to do is win the final and I can still get the overall."

Alessi did just that, coming back with a vengeance to win all the remaining 80cc motos for the overall titles in both the 80cc Stock and Modified (7-11) divisions.

Alessi concluded his week's performance by dominating the two final KTM Race of Champions motos, earning a $5000 U.S. savings bond from KTM Sport Cycles.

"Mike used to race Pee Wees for KTM for a number of years, and both Pee Wee racers and 60cc racers are eligible for our savings-bond programs at most national events," said KTM vice president Scott Harden. "I think Mike has earned more savings-bond money over the years than any other KTM racer. We are going to track it this whole next year. Who knows? Maybe he will be the all-time savings-bond earner."

Yamaha-mounted Lance Jones, from nearby Old Field, Missouri, was an unexpected winner in the 125cc Pro division. Jones used a fifth-place finish in moto one and a fourth-place finish in moto two to qualify second for Sunday's final runoff, which pitted the week's best 28 Pros - the top 14 from each of the two divisions - against one another.

The 28-rider 125cc Pro final was run on Sunday under mostly rainy conditions, and Jones surprised everyone by roosting to the front of the field. Jones set a blistering pace and never looked back, building up a big lead over the other riders, who floundered in the slick conditions. In the end, Jones went on for the overall victory, while division-two winner Brian Stone finished second, in front of Adam Zarda, Cory Francis and Nathan Hale, who might have been one of the week's top Pros had he not suffered hard luck in most of the 125cc Pro motos.

However, Hale didn't leave empty-handed. He returned for the overall 250cc Pro victory later in the day, topping the hard-charging Francis, Stone and Nick Metcalf.

In the 125cc Intermediate class, there were two separate winners, with Ryan Dirks winning the Stock division and Chris Istre the Modified class. However, arguably the quickest rider in the class was rookie Colt Humphrey, who won many of the motos but experienced problems in some of the others. Humphrey's inconsistency dropped him to third (in the Stock contest) and fifth (in the Modified class) in his 125cc Intermediate debut.

"I raced 80s for Honda of Houston, but Suzuki hired us on for 2000," Humphrey said. "I just got my bikes Friday. This is my first race on a 125."

Numerous classes of minicycles were run during the week, with Team Green racer Jonathan Kerr and Matt Burris facing off in the 80cc (12-13) class. After all was said and done, each left sharing a championship title: Burris took home the Modified title, Kerr took home the Stock title.

Kerr looked to be on his way to a second title in the Supermini division, but mechanical gremlins stopped his charge.

"We had transmission problems, and the shift fork stuck in third gear," Kerr said.

In the end, Roy Horton took the victory, while Kerr nursed it home for the second-place finish.

As expected, a huge turnout of Pee Wees were in attendance, and the older group produced three separate winners. Bubba Crosby topped the Super Pee Wee division, while AC Racing teammates Michael Hall and Nic Paluzzi each took home a title in the 50cc (7-8) Stock and Modified divisions.

In the younger group, Cobra riders dominated the field, with Dakota Garner sweeping both the Stock and Modified (4-6) divisions, while Grant Ransdell was the closest runner-up in each race, followed by world-class mountain-bike racer John Tomac's son Eli, who piloted his AC Racing-backed Cobra to third overall. CN

80 MOD (12-13): 1. Matthew Burris (Yam); 2. Jonathan Kerr (Kaw); 3. Riley Kurosky (Suz); 4. Stephen Simmoneau (Hon); 5. Tony Traxler (Yam).

80 STK (14-16): 1. Roy Horton (Suz); 2. Nathaniel Benoit (Yam); 3. Max Tromp (Kaw); 4. Corey Smith (Hon); 5. Adam Daniels (Yam).

80 MOD (14-16): 1. Nathaniel Benoit (Yam); 2. Roy Horton (Suz); 3. Wes Parr (Yam); 4. Adam Daniels (Yam); 5. Ryan Nett (Yam).

S/MINI: 1. Roy Horton (Suz); 2. Jonathan Kerr (Kaw); 3. Nathaniel Benoit (Yam); 4. Wes Parr (Yam); 5. Tony Traxler (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Kyle McCoy (Suz); 2. Nick Richart (Suz); 3. Matthew Dawson (Yam); 4. Aaron Cleveland (Yam); 5. Lance Roeschlein (Kaw).

125 NOV STK: 1. Brandon Beabout (Yam); 2. M.J. Dodson (Yam); 3. Nik Hensley (Yam); 4. Ryan Humphrey (Hon); 5. Nicky Barr (Yam).

125 NOV MOD: 1. Brandon Beabout (Yam); 2. Adam Burris (Yam); 3. Nik Hensley (Yam); 4. J. Dodson (Yam); 5. Nicky Barr (Yam).

125 MOD INT: 1. Chris Istre (Kaw); 2. Justin Brayton (Kaw); 3. Brent Miller (Yam); 4. Micah Thibodeaux (Yam); 5. Colt Humphrey (Suz).

125 INT STK: 1. Ryan Dirks (Yam); 2. Ethan Bates (Yam); 3. Colt Humphrey (Suz); 4. Brian Behnan (Suz); 5. Kyle Garro (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Lance Jones (Yam); 2. Brian Stone (Kaw); 3. Adam Zarda (Yam); 4. Cory Francis (Yam); 5. Nathan Hale (Yam).

125 OPEN NON-PRO: 1. Brent Miller (Yam); 2. Danny Waldrop (Yam); 3. Ethan Bates (Yam); 4. Micah Thibodeaux (Yam); 5. Chris Istre (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Joe Goacher (Yam); 2. Paul Green (Hon); 3. Patrick Murray (Hon); 4. Jayson Cotter (Kaw); 5. Ken Jordan (KTM).

250 NOV STK: 1. Cody Rheinlander (Hon); 2. M.J. Dodson (Yam); 3. Chase Dunfee (Yam); 4. Brian Thacker (Yam); 5. Shawn Stuart (Yam).

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250 INT STK: 1. Ryan Dirks (Yam); 2. Micah Thibodeaux (Yam); 3. Anthony Milks (Hon); 4. Jack McMurrough (Yam); 5. Brent Miller (Yam).

250 INT MOD: 1. Jeff Burkett (Yam); 2. Anthony Milks (Hon); 3. Jack McMurrough (Yam); 4. Japeth Suslee (Yam); 5. Brent Miller (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Nathan Hale (Yam); 2. Cory Francis (Suz); 3. Brian Stone (Kaw); 4. Nick Metcalf (Suz); 5. Waylon Litchfield (Suz).

250 OPEN NON-PRO: 1. Cody Rheinlander (Hon); 2. Japeth Suslee (Yam); 3. Ryan Dirks (Yam); 4. Micah Thibodeaux (Yam); 5. Steve Howell (Kaw).

25+ A: 1. Mike Luoma (Hon); 2. Dwain Carter (Yam); 3. Lance Jones (Yam).

25+ B: 1. Chris Leas (Yam); 2. Franz Hyland (KTM); 3. Michael Vlasic (Suz); 4. Rob Rawlins (Yam); 5. Randy Southard (Suz).

30+ A: 1. Bryan Emig (Suz); 2. Les Brandenburg (Yam); 3. Chris Caplinger (Yam); 4. Mark Rakestraw (Yam); 5. Eugene Spreutels (Kaw).

30+ B: 1. Rick Kirk (Kaw); 2. Kenny Donelson (Hon); 3. Jack Lambert (Yam); 4. Rob Schneider (Hon); 5. Allen Haynes (Yam).

35+ A: 1. Mark Rakestraw (Yam); 2. Cary Morris (Hon); 3. Steven Spreutels (Kaw); 4. Kris Morgan (Kaw).

35+ B: 1. Jack Lambert (Yam); 2. Rick Kirk (Kaw); 3. Lonnie Thomas (Kaw); 4. Mark Goldner (Hon); 5. Steve Waltman (Yam).

40+: 1. Dave Osborn (Hon); 2. Fletcher Lambert (Hus); 3. Steve McCombs (Yam); 4. Scott Evans (Yam); 5. Kelvin Thomas (KTM).

Frazier, Pinsonnault step up

By David and Lora Patton

OREGONIA, OH, OCT. 10

Tim Frazier and Paul Pinsonnault might've won the battle, but James "Jammer" Large and Ted Wilkins won the war at the deciding round of the 1999 AMA National Championship Hillclimb Series in Ohio. In one of the most unpredictable years ever, it was only fitting that heavy rains days before the event turned the lightning-fast hill into an endurance test, dramatically changing the season's points standings.

Tim Friedhoff worked his CR500 off the line and picked his way up the hill in 12.167 seconds to start the day. He held the fast time until Richie Scheuermann III shot his CR500 up the hill in 11.04 seconds.

After Jeff Brown got caught in the muck, Ted Wilkins and his brother/mechanic, Bill, pushed his Rotax twin to the start. Ted's mission for the day was to stay within one position of Paul Pinsonnault and within three of Phil Libhart to capture his first 540 Championship. Ted screamed his two-stroke twin off the line and over the take-off jumps for a solid 12.100.

"I got too much air over the jumps, and it's hard to find traction out there," he said.

The last rider of the round was five-time 540 National Champion Paul Pinsonnault. He was not bothered by the difficult conditions.

"I think my setup is the way to go today - an MX-based hillclimber," he said.

Pinsonnault proved his point with a straight, trouble-free ride that was also blistering fast, 9.785 seconds, to take over the lead.

The weather and the hill didn't improve by the second round. Ted Wilkins watched everyone fight the hill and knew he had to put in a great ride to win the title. His first ride was fourth fastest, but that wouldn't be good enough, so they shortened his bike, looking for traction. Wilkins moved to the far right side of the hill for the most important ride of this life. He dropped the hammer and his centrigal clutch shifted all the way up the hill. He began to slow after the last jump.

"When I landed off the top jump, it started to spin, and I was counting the seconds, '1, 2, 3, come on lights.' I lost a lot of time there and I didn't know if it would be fast enough," he said.

The diehard fans roared when his 10.299 was announced. Now the stage was set, Pinsonnault held first, Wilkins was in second, and if anyone beat Wilkins and Pinsonnault won, Pinsonnault would win his sixth championship; if Wilkins held onto Pinsonnault's rear wheel, he would win.

Phil Libhart received some advice from Ted Wilkins before his ride.

"If you are going to beat both of us, if you think you're going to run a 9.9 or something, hit the brakes."

Libhart was after the win after major bike changes.

"Ralph Kreeger and Bret Rexroth put the chain rear wheel on," Libhart said. "I wasn't sure that was the right move until I dropped the hammer and the bike shot out of the hole."

(Above) James Large could only pull off a fourth-place finish at the Devil's Staircase National, but it was good enough to wrap up the 800cc title. (Right) Ted Wilkins survived the sloppy conditions to win the 540cc Championship.

Libhart had a fast ride going but he got cross-rutted over the third jump and lost time near the top.

"We guessed on the gearing and ran out of gear before the top," Libhart said.

Libhart ran a 10.400 for third overall. Toby Thompson was the last rider and he had bike problems at 300 feet, ensuring Pinsonnault's win and Wilkin's first championship.

"I was happy to get second today and first for the year," Wilkins said.

Pinsonnault was glad to see his long-time friend and rival win. "If I couldn't win I'm glad Ted did," he said.

The tricky hill presented a different set of problems for the faster, heavier 800s. Bob Castledine had a nice run going until he went off the first jump. His bike jumped out of gear when he landed ending his first pass. After former National Champion Steve Dresser went out of bounds, Walter "Tiger" Strank took his first shot at the Staircase on his Kawasaki triple. Tiger handled the bottom, then had trouble over the first jump.

"I got sideways after that first jump and had to back off. The only other thing I remember from the ride is the adrenaline rush - that was a wild ride," Tiger said.

Mike DeBusk was mounted on injured Lou Gerencer's Harley-Davidson for this event, and got in trouble in the ruts, as the hill got worse with each pass. Jeff Thomas put in a great first ride on his Yamaha XS650-based hillclimber.

"I had a good holeshot and wheelied all the way over the ramp," he said. "The key to going fast today is gaining momentum off the bottom."

He was flying up the right side of the hill where Pinsonnault had run and stopped the timers in 9.835 seconds.

Former 540 National Champion Tim Frazier had a 12.894 ride to end the first round.

"My ride was going okay, but I messed up traction at the top," he said. "My chains got knocked flat and they hooked the knobs of the tire and locked in place. In all my years in hillclimbing, I've never seen that happen."

Steve Dresser put together an 11.611 to take seventh overall, then Tiger ran a 10.923 to move up to third after DeBusk had bike problems. Curt Snelling made his pass, but was a little off the pace. When Snelling came up short, Large sewed up the championship. Harry Denham then dropped .7 of a second off his first run for a 11.870, to grab ninth. Then the 800cc champ took a shot at the win. Large tried to hit a line on the far right, but he drifted into the middle and almost looped out over the second jump. He still ran a 10.769, a few ticks slower than his first pass.

"We did what we came here for, and that was win the championship. It would have been nice to win the hillclimb, but it wasn't meant to be today," Large said. "At the start of the year, I wasn't riding all that great, but Tom and my family, friends and sponsors helped me out so much, I couldn't have done any of this without them."

Glen Petty Jr.'s bike changes really paid off. Petty ran up the center of the hill and he kept it low over the jumps. He ran a 10.452, dropping Jammer one spot.

Frazier pulled his XR-750 to the line.

"We geared it down so it would pull better, and took the tire chains off Lou's bike."

Frazier got a great holeshot and ran the far right side of the hill.

"I knew if I got off the bottom straight I could get a good time. Once I got over the first jump, I just kept it on the rest of the way."

Frazier ran an incredible 9.208. Jeff Thomas wheeled his Yamaha back to the line to try to claim his first Pro win, but it didn't work out.

"The bike slowed at the top on my first run and we thought we had it fixed, but it wouldn't run right." CN

Devil's Staircase

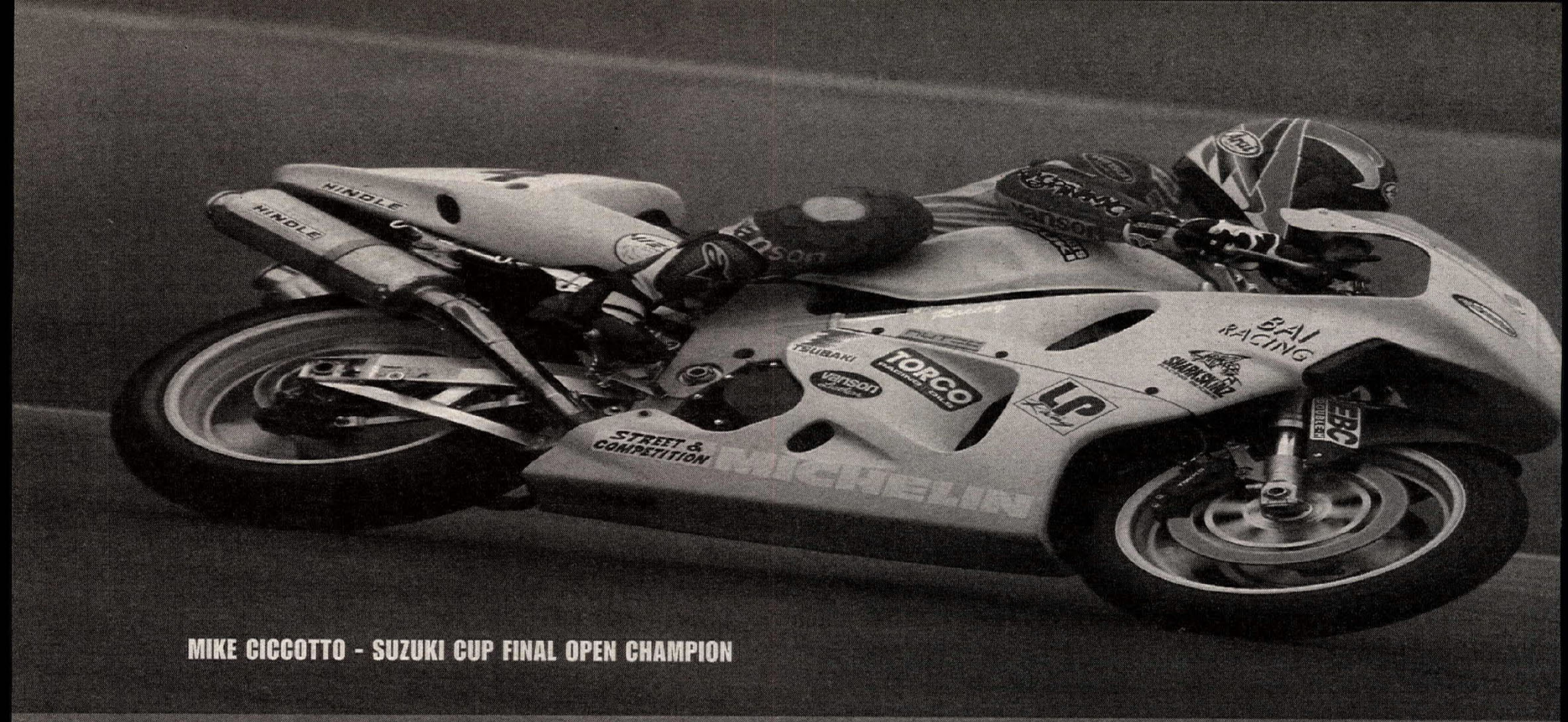
Oregonia, Ohio
Results: October 10, 1999 (Round 13 of 13)

800: 1. Tim Frazier (H-D); 2. Jeff Thomas (Yam); 3. Glen Petty Jr. (H-D); 4. James Large (H-D); 5. Walter Strank (Kaw); 6. Bobby Templeton (H-D); 7. Steve Dresser (H-D); 8. Greg Williams (Hon); 9. Harry Denham (H-D); 10. David Watson (Hon); 11. Bob Castledine (H-D); 12. Russ VanderVeen (H-D); 13. Willie Price (Suz); 14. Curt Snelling (Hon); 15. Rodney Smith (BSA).

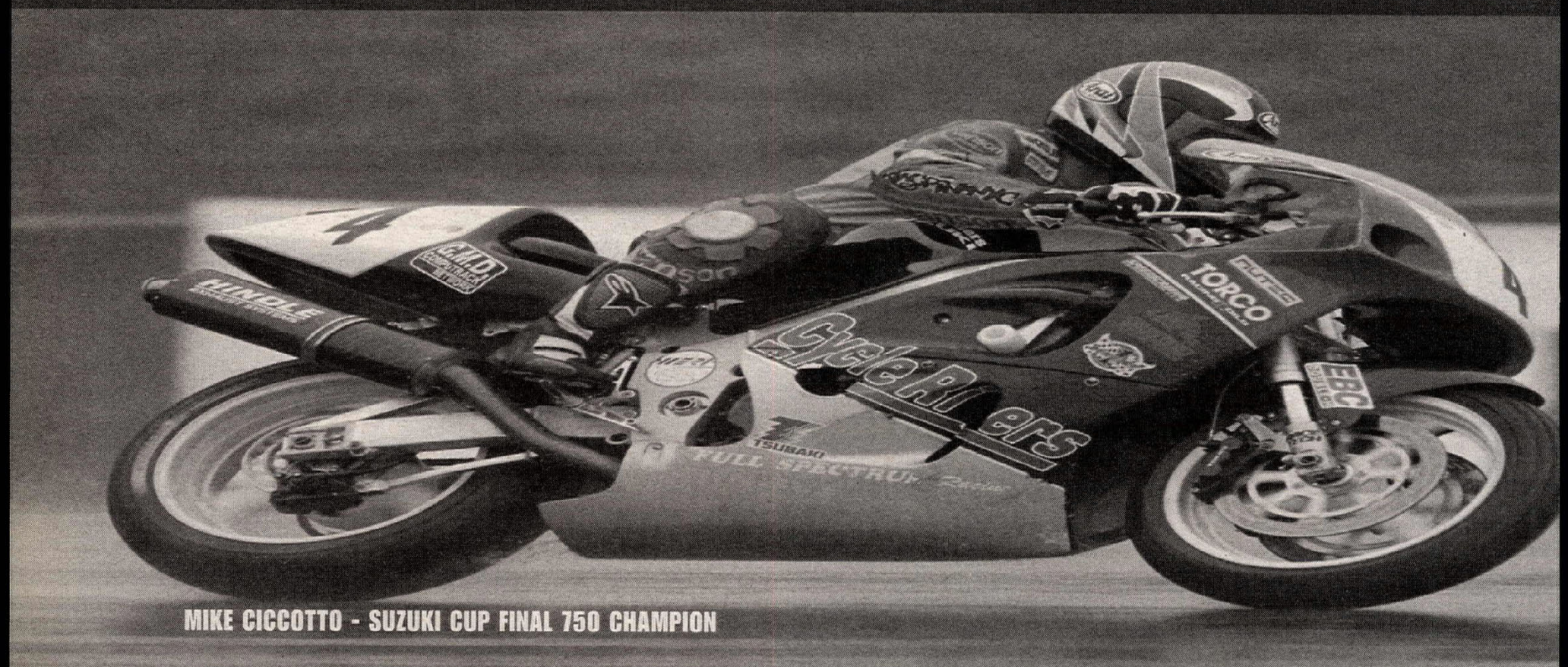
540: 1. Paul Pinsonnault (Hon); 2. Ted Wilkins (Rotax); 3. Phil Libhart (Tri); 4. Rich Scheuermann III (Hon); 5. Mike Templeton (Yam); 6. Tim Freidhoff (Hon); 7. Chris VanHyning (Hon); 8. Chad Disbennett (Tri); 9. Aaron Brown (Hon); 10. Toby Thompson (BSA); 11. Brian Bowlby (Hon); 12. Scott McNeely (Hon); 13. John Hamilton Jr. (Tri); 14. Kenny Reif (Hon); 15. Anthony Smoot (Kaw).

1999 AMA 800 NATIONAL HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 13 of 13 rounds): 1. James Large (157/2 wins); 2. Bobby Templeton (142/3); 3. David Watson (139/3); 4. Glen Petty Jr. (139/1); 5. Tim Frazier (133/2); 6. Lou Gerencer (93/2); 7. Jeff Thomas (85); 8. Harry Denham (73); 9. Greg Williams (72); 10. Russ VanderVeen (66); 11. Steve Dresser (55); 12. Mike DeBusk (53); 13. Bob Shreiner (52); 14. Bob Castledine (49); 15. Willie Price (45); 16. Mark Swem (43); 17. Terry Thompson (39); 18. Rodney Williams (32); 19. Curt Snelling (25); 20. Rodney Smith (23).

AMA 540 NATIONAL HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 13 of 13 rounds): 1. Ted Wilkins (155/2); 2. Paul Pinsonnault (154/3); 3. Phil Libhart (150/1); 4. John Hamilton Jr. (132/2); 5. Chad Disbennett (120/2 wins); 6. Tim Freidhoff (102); 7. Scott McNeely (92/1); 8. Aaron Brown (87/1); 9. Chris VanHyning (84); 10. Richie Scheuermann III (78); 11. Mike Livingston (69); 12. Toby Thompson (67/1); 13. Mike Templeton (61); 14. Roger McNeely (50); 15. Charlie Roberts (43); 16. Jack Macauley (25); 17. Brian Bowlby (20); 18. Chris Brown (16); 19. Jeff Brown (13); 20. Alan Hoskins (11).



MIKE CICCOTTO - SUZUKI CUP FINAL OPEN CHAMPION



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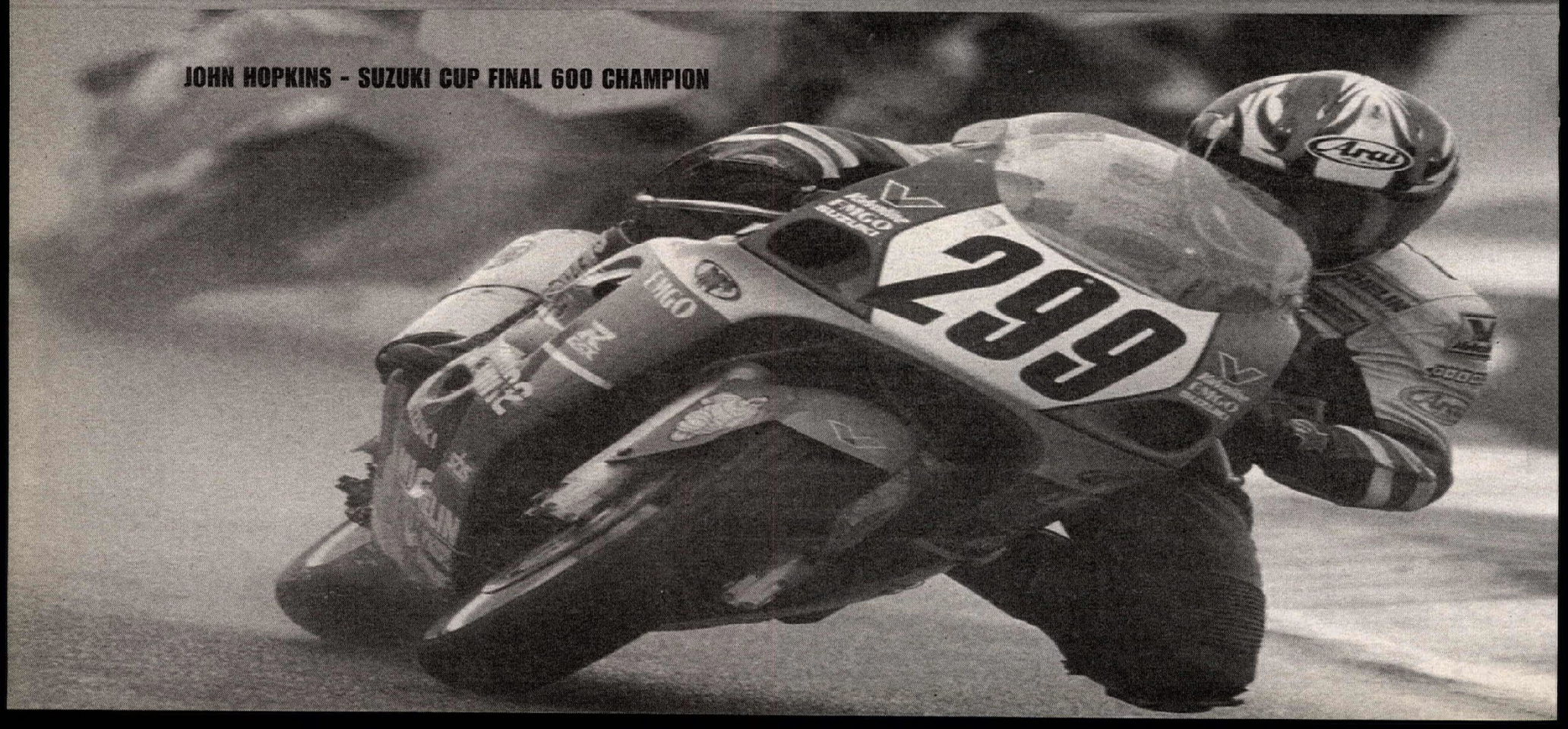

JOHN HOPKINS - SUZUKI CUP FINAL 600 CHAMPION

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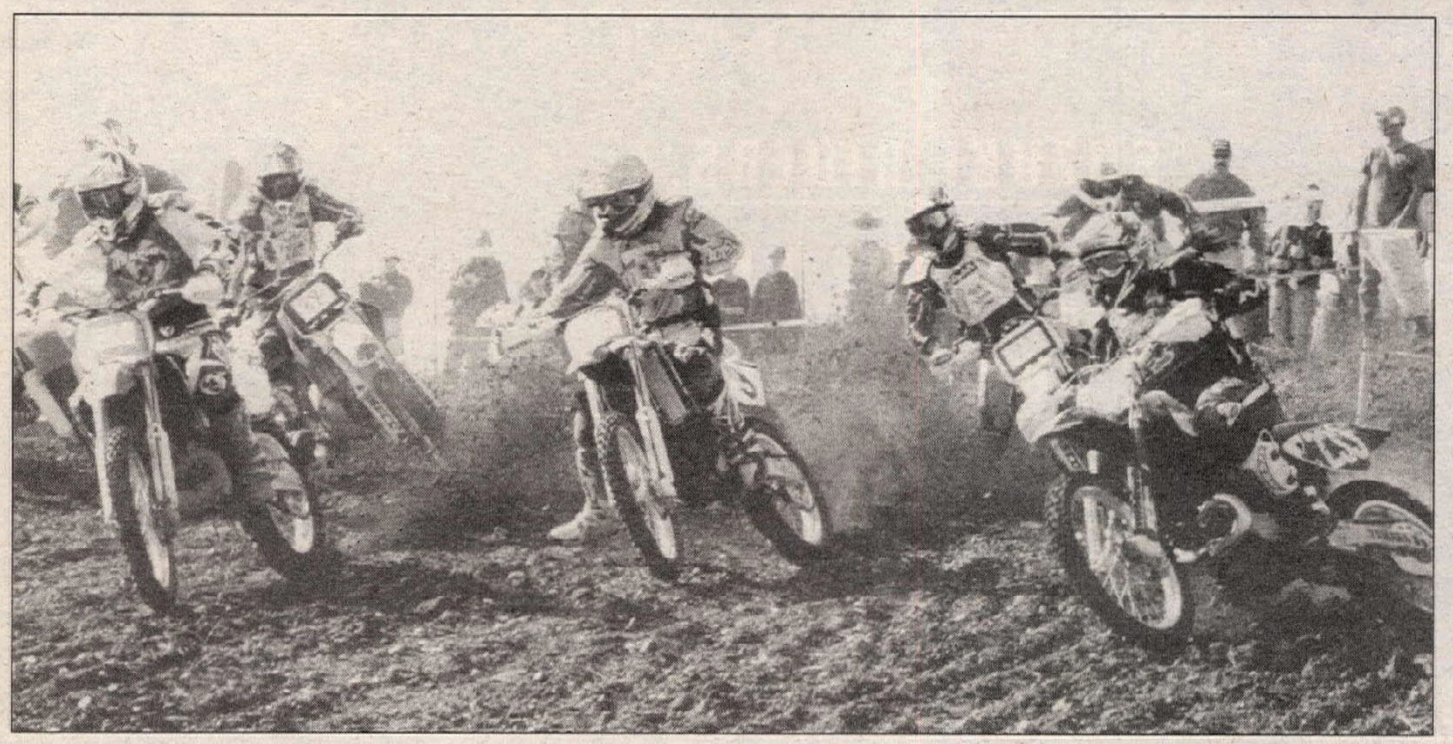
District 36 Cross Country Championship Series, Round 14

Marshall first at first Prime Time



By Jill Ashworth Patterson
Photos by Alan Plumbridge

SAN JOSE, CA, OCT. 3

XR400-mounted Cole Marshall easily converted a slow start into a more than 4 1/2-minute lead to claim a runaway victory and the overall title at round 14 of District 36's Cross Country Championship Series. The event was held at Metcalf Park in San Jose, California, and was hosted by the Timekeepers MC.

More than 160 riders took on the well-planned, 7.9-mile course, which was designed by TMC's Jim Matheson. Fast fire roads, tight single-tracks, rocky sections and technical single-track trails were combined to make a challenging and race-ready course.

The first running of the Prime Time Hare Scrambles started at 10 a.m. as the first row of A-class riders charged 50 yards into the first turn. The 180-degree turn then sent riders onto the watered motocross track at the beginning of the course.

Terry Biel was out front after the turn, closely followed by Erik Kohler, James Ptarcinski, Roderick Kreiss, Craig Wesner, Damien Galford, a couple of others and then Marshall. The second turn wasn't far, and Kohler quickly rounded the corner and took the lead.

Kohler kept a quick pace and led the first two laps, with Wesner, Kreiss, Marshall, Biel, Galford and Brian Butler close behind.

Near the end of the second lap, the leaders caught up with a group of slow riders in one of the tight, technical single-track sections. Kohler was still leading, with Wesner close behind. Marshall was back a bit farther in third, and he had a clearer view of what was happening up ahead.

"I saw that I could go for it and was able to get around," Marshall said.

"It was almost comical," said Wesner. "We were stuck behind the lapper and were barely moving. Then Cole flew by us. He got around first."

Butler was also stuck in the traffic jam.

"We were almost riding a trials pace," Butler said. "Cole got by the lapper, but what a squirrel! When Erik tried to get around him next, he elbowed Erik and maneuvered to stay in front of him."

The American Honda-sponsored Marshall quickly worked through some other slow riders and took off alone in the lead.

"After I passed them, I decided to go faster," Marshall said. "Then they caught up with me in some more tight stuff and I got past the lappers first, again."

"By the time we got through the lappers in that second, tight single-track section, we lost sight of Cole and never saw him again," PCP Yamaha's Kohler said.

Marshall railed and extended his lead.

"I like being farther out in front," Marshall said. "I ride better."

Cycle Pro of Santa Rosa's Wesner got by Kohler next and took over second. Kohler settled into third, while San Jose Yamaha-sponsored Biel, San Luis Motor Sports-supported Butler and G&B Kawasaki's Galford vied for the next positions.

By the time the checkered flag came out, Marshall had burned up enough track to complete seven laps and cross the finish line in two hours, 15 minutes and 20 seconds, with an average lap time of 19:20 and an average speed of 24.96.

Wesner came in four minutes and 32 seconds behind Marshall, taking second. Another minute and 36 seconds passed before Kohler completed his last lap, good for third. Biel sailed across the finish just 30 seconds later and finished fourth.

(Above left) At round 14 of District 36's Cross Country Championship Series, held at Metcalf Park in San Jose, California, Erik Kohler (233, on the outside), Terry Biel (3, center) and James Ptarcinski (93, left) vie for the holeshot, followed closely by Craig Wesner (92) and Roderick Kreiss (89). (Above right) After a slow start, Cole Marshall leaped to the front and stayed there to take the overall win at the first-ever Prime Time Hare Scrambles. (Right) Marshall passed another lapper just before taking the checkered flag.

"When I pitted at the end of the fifth lap, I learned Erik was not that far ahead of me," Biel said, "so I rode hard and tried to catch him, but I didn't have enough left in me to do it."

Galford crossed the line next, with Butler close behind him, riding on a flat tire.

After the race scoring was complete and course times adjusted, B Open rider Ron Facciano's outstanding ride netted him the fifth-overall position, leaving Galford in sixth and Butler in seventh. Rounding out the top 10 were Glenn Martinson, Ptarcinski and Mark Blanco.

"Today's course was great!" Marshall said. "My day went really smooth, with no problems other than my crummy start."

"The track was set up similar to the ones back east," Kohler said. "It was shorter, had more tight trails, and the sections were mixed just right."

With only three events left in the series, and only a few points separating series leader Kohler and second-placed Wesner, it looks like the title chase will end with the last race, on November 7 at Prairie City, California. CN

Metcalf Park
San Jose, California
Results: October 3, 1999 (Round 14)

O/A: 1. Cole Marshall (Hon); 2. Craig Wesner (Kaw); 3. Erik Kohler (Yam); 4. Terry Biel (Yam); 5. Ron Facciano (Hon).

A O/A: 1. Cole Marshall (Hon); 2. Craig Wesner (Kaw); 3. Erik Kohler (Yam); 4. Terry Biel (Yam); 5. Damien Galford (Kaw).

A 250: 1. Craig Wesner (Kaw); 2. Erik Kohler (Yam); 3. Terry Biel (Yam); 4. Damien Galford (Kaw); 5. Brian Butler (Kaw).

A OPEN/4-STRK: 1. Cole Marshall (Hon); 2. Glenn Martinson (Yam); 3. Lance Mandarino (KTM).

A VET: 1. Mark Blanco (Hon); 2. Nick Thom (Kaw); 3. Brian Sumrall (Yam); 4. Ron Picken (ATK); 5. Garrett Binns (Hon).

A SR: 1. Charles Marshall (KTM); 2. Duane Scott (Yam); 3. Randy Denton (Yam); 4. Wayne Hatch (Kaw); 5. Rod McCollough (Hon).

A S/SR: 1. Peter Pritchard (KTM); 2. Fred Sumrall (KTM); 3. Ken Cosmo (KTM).

B O/A: 1. Ron Facciano (Hon); 2. Brian Jeuch (Hon); 3. Robert Fouts (Hon); 4. Josh Poggi (Hon); 5. Marshall Gordon (Yam).

B 250: 1. Brian Jeuch (Hon); 2. Robert Fouts (Hon); 3. Josh Poggi (Hon); 4. Marshall Gordon (Yam); 5. Joseph Bondad (Yam).

B OPEN: 1. Ron Facciano (Hon); 2. Allan Zuckswert (Hon); 3. Dustin Soldano (Yam); 4. John S. Poor (Hon); 5. Ray Leonardi (Hon).

B VET: 1. Rodney Hill (Yam); 2. Kevin Murphy (Hon); 3. Graham Hinsdale (Hon); 4. Steve Javedan (Yam); 5. Rick Rooney (Hon).

B SR: 1. Jim Weitz (KTM); 2. Frank Scancarello (Hon); 3. Nelson Fieck (Yam); 4. Dan Ryan (KTM); 5. Jerry Martin (KTM).

B S/SR: 1. Robert English (KTM); 2. James Long (Suz); 3. Jim Peacock (KTM); 4. William Craig (KTM); 5. Don Amos (KTM).

(Right) Trailed by Shawn Reed (499), Jack Lafferty Jr. and Bill Atkinson, Mike Lafferty (1) took the holeshot and made it stick all the way to the finish, earning first overall at the Tri-County Hare Scrambles in Port Elizabeth, New Jersey.
(Above) Rich Lafferty (336) came from dead last and passed everyone but his brother Mike to take second overall.

Lafferty all the way

By Mark Uth

PORT ELIZABETH, NJ, OCT. 3

KTM-mounted Mike Lafferty got the holeshot at the ECEA Tri-County Hare Scrambles and parlayed that jump into an easy overall win. Run virtually in his own back yard, the two-time enduro champ led the race wire to wire, finishing with nearly a two-minute margin over his brother Richard, also on a KTM. The Lafferty brothers were the only riders to make the cut-off for the eighth and final lap. Campaigning a 2000-model-year 250 EXC, the KTM factory-sponsored Mike Lafferty was nonetheless surprised at the ruggedness of the course.

"That thing was tough," Mike said. "I didn't think that it would be that fast. After a few laps, the course was chopped, beat up - definitely good training."

Rich Lafferty, on the other hand, used a completely different approach to score the second-overall finish.

"My bike wouldn't start on the line," Rich noted, "and by the time it did, I was dead last."

The Bromley KTM/MSR/Enduro Engineering/Novacare/Arai-sponsored rider passed everyone except his brother Mike during the course of the two-hour event. Rich was asked who presented the biggest challenge.

"Freddy (Hoess) was the toughest to pass," Rich replied, "hands down."

Husky man Hoess, the defending series champ, was back in the saddle a mere five weeks after he sustained a serious injury at the Beehive Enduro. Still in the hunt for the championship, Hoess rode the event with a wired-up jaw, picking up seventh-place points in the process. It was quite a tough-guy act, although he was definitely hurting at the finish.

KTM rider Billy Atkinson filled out the podium with a third-place finish, coming in less than two minutes behind Rich Lafferty at the end of the seventh lap, but he missed the cut-off by a minute and 13 seconds. Atkinson's good showing, however, coupled with the lesser finishes of Hoess and Jeff Kirchner, locks the series in a virtual three-way tie for the championship lead with three rounds remaining.

The club planned a two-event card for the day, one heat each for motorcycles and ATVs. As a change of pace, the motorcycle main event went first, with all classes running the same heat, which started at 11 a.m. A fast 6-plus-mile course was used that afforded high speeds and ample passing lanes through open woodland of pine and oak. Recent rains the preceding week made for good traction, with little or no dust. The day's weather was just about perfect, although it warmed up later in the day. Temperatures hovered around 70 degrees at the start, climbing to nearly 80 later in the afternoon. Skies were clear and cloudless.

Out of the chute, Mike Lafferty got the holeshot and made it stick through several flat turns in a hard-packed gravel pit. Aussie Shawn Reed challenged him, but a bobble in the first turn relegated him to second. Entering the woods after the start, the order was Mike Lafferty, Reed, Jack Lafferty Jr. and Bill Atkinson. Surprisingly, the quickest lap time around the course all day was turned in by Mike Lafferty on his first trip around the course. Clocking in at 16 minutes flat during the first pass through the barrels, Lafferty was fresh and apparently unencumbered by lappers and deteriorating course conditions. Most top riders consistently posted lap times around 17 minutes.

Rich Lafferty was on the move early, passing nearly the entire field to advance from dead last at the start to third in class on the first trip around. He passed Atkinson just before coming into the barrels on the second lap to take the number-two position, a spot he held for the rest of the day. Kevin Bennett was another rider who seemed to gain speed as the day wore on, actually passing class rivals Reed and Jack Lafferty Jr. on their last lap. After being passed by Rich Lafferty, Atkinson settled into a pace that kept him ahead of Bennett, Reed and Jack Jr., but which failed to challenge the top two.

And for Mike Lafferty, it was another day at the office, as he set a blistering pace and cruised to victory.

Mike raved about the new upside-down fork on the 2000 KTM .

"I liked the (50mm) Zoke Magnum on my '99," Mike said, "but this new White Power fork really works great."

He'll certainly get plenty of time to prove it, as he has already re-upped with KTM for next year.

Second-place finisher Rich Lafferty likened the event to this year's GNCC racing.

"There's no pace anymore," he said. "Just drop the flag and floor it."

Bill Atkinson secured the final podium position and firmly placed himself in the battle for the series championship. An unofficial points tally shows the top three riders - Atkinson, Hoess and Kirchner - separated by a single point.

KTM rider Kevin Bennett's strong finish earned him fourth overall and top marks in the Expert 0-200cc class. Rounding out the top five overall was Shawn Reed, who hung tough aboard his Husky 125, finishing 10 seconds behind Bennett. Suzuki pilot Jack Lafferty Jr. showed up for the second week in a row with a new RM125, but unfortunately he didn't have the same favorable results as he did the previous week. Jack came in a little less than two minutes behind Reed to claim sixth overall, while a hurting Fred Hoess was seventh overall. Series regulars Steve Larkin, Marc Grossman and Craig Shenigo rounded out the top 10. CN

Tri-County Hare Scrambles
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Results: October 3, 1999 (Round 4)

O/A: 1. Mike Lafferty (KTM); 2. Rich Lafferty (KTM); 3. Bill Atkinson (KTM); 4. Kevin Bennett (KTM); 5. Shawn Reed (Hus); 6. Jack Lafferty Jr. (Suz); 7. Fred Hoess (Hus); 8. Steve Larkin; 9. Marc Grossman (Kaw); 10. Craig Shenigo (KTM).

A 0-200: 1. Kevin Bennett (KTM); 2. Shawn Reed (Hus); 3. Jack Lafferty Jr. (Suz); 4. Dale Hiles (KTM); 5. Todd Quinn (KTM).

A 201+: 1. Mike Lafferty (KTM); 2. Rich Lafferty (KTM); 3. Bill Atkinson (KTM); 4. Fred Hoess (Hus); 5. Marc Grossman (Kaw).

A 4-STRK: 1. Steve Larkin; 2. Phillip Krobb; 3. Preston Sullens.

A VET: 1. Craig Shenigo (KTM); 2. Bip Gunselman (Yam); 3. Mike McHale (KTM); 4. Phil Carlin; 5. Mike Beeler (KTM).

A SR: 1. Kevin Reed (Hon); 2. Mike Bianco (Hon).

A S/SR: 1. Scott Wolfersberger (KTM); 2. Jack Lafferty Sr. (KTM); 3. Tom Phillips; 4. Rich Trader (KTM); 5. Rocco Spano (Yam).

B 0-200: 1. John Hummel; 2. Steve Brown; 3. Alan Bopp; 4. Ron DeCaro (Yam); 5. Kevin Kamuca.

B 201+: 1. Mike Berenbak (Kaw); 2. Giles Ryan; 3. Jeff Brown; 4. Jim Shainline; 5. Chris Vecchione.

B 4-STRK: 1. Mark DiPasquale; 2. Mark Schleeweis.

B VET: 1. Bill Gilmore; 2. Mike Thompson; 3. Andrew Sinboli; 4. Rodney Wilson (Yam).

B S/SR: 1. Mike Larson; 2. Tim Stibitz (Kaw); 3. Linsay Pirie (Hon).

C 0-200: 1. Roger Wood; 2. Rich Stewart (KTM); 3. Mike King; 4. Ryan Boyd; 5. John Errickson.

C 201+: 1. Brian Burt; 2. Phil Uhland; 3. Mike Gehres; 4. Mike Errickson; 5. Joe Hareno.

C 4-STRK: 1. Geoff Christhas; 2. James Williamson; 3. Mark Burkholder; 4. Frank Christhas.

Jeff Pestana took both the 125cc and 250cc Pro-class overall victories at the fourth round of the GFI California Fall Series North, held on the Hollister Hills GP track.

GFI California Fall Series North
Round 4: Hollister Hills

Pestana pulls through

By Jim & Valerie Enos

HOLLISTER, CA, OCT. 4

Jeff Pestana, aboard his Clawson Motorsport/O'Neal/Pro Circuit/A Ride-backed Suzuki, came through with victories in both the 125 and 250cc Pro classes at round four of the 1999 GFI California Fall Series at the Hollister Hills GP track. Even without a single holeshot on the day, Pestana managed to meet the challenges presented by Jesse Ketcham and Jeff Northrop to claim the overalls. In fact, Ketcham, in only his second Pro race, won the first 125cc moto, holding off Pestana and Northrop the entire moto, but he could only muster a sixth in moto two, while Pestana took the win. Northrop, aboard his Team Green/Fox/BelRay/Dunlop-backed Kawasaki, led most of the second 125cc moto until a trip over the bars ended his day. Pestana's consistent starts in the 250cc Pro class led to a convincing 1-1 score on the day, over an ever-improving Andy Bowyer.

A chilly fog settled in over the ANW-prepped track, and it lingered for most of the morning, making for excellent traction. Nearly 350 riders converged on a challenging layout, complete with a whoop section and enough elevation changes to warrant the use of sea-sickness pills.

The morning started off with a strong gate of 10 125cc Pros. Ketcham grabbed the holeshot, ahead of Yamaha rider Auggie Rodriguez. While Ketcham motored ahead, Rodriguez succumbed to the pressure of Pestana and Northrop. In fact, in the last two meetings at Hollister between Pestana and Northrop, it was bar-to-bar action as each claimed an overall victory on the day.

On this day, however, Ketcham was set to play the spoiler, and he clicked off consistent lap times, with the duo hot on his tail. While Pestana was never able to show Ketcham a wheel, he was definitely busy keeping a persistent Northrop behind him. Northrop's persistency appeared to pay off as he passed Pestana at the halfway point with an inside move on the uphill double. However, one lap later, Pestana bounced back and retook second, forcing Northrop wide with a bar-banging inside pass. Back in the pack, Mike Mason and Dennis Stapleton were trying to gain some ground on Northrop, but they never got close enough to challenge the Team Green rider. The moto ended with Ketcham taking the win over Pestana, who just barely held off Northrop for second. Mason and Stapleton rounded out the top five.

Having just won his first Pro moto, you would think Ketcham would be ecstatic. If he was, he hid it pretty well. The quiet Valley Springs resident seemed unfazed at having just beaten the two seasoned veterans.

"I just didn't think about those guys behind me and just rode my own race," said the Thor/DH Cycles/FMF/Smith-backed Ketcham. "The gate didn't drop at first, and I wheelied over it. I timed it just right, got out front and just rode smooth."

Pestana's confidence didn't seem to be affected by Ketcham's win.

"Ketcham rode smooth out there," he noted, "but I'll beat him in the second moto."

Pestana had his work cut out for him in the second moto, as a speedy Dennis Stapleton, aboard his Pro's Choice/Rockoil/Pro Action Suzuki, grabbed the holeshot, with Northrop in tow. Pestana tucked in behind Northrop while Nathan Tiearney and Mason followed. Ketcham got a near-last-place start, but he would make his way up to sixth by the end of the moto. Stapleton relinquished his lead to Northrop by the third lap and then let Pestana get by on the uphill section, dropping him to third.

The man on the move, however, was Tiearney. The CMS/Thor/PJ1-backed rider made his way past Stapleton for third and was gaining ground on Pestana. Up front, Northrop was beginning to feel the pressure from Pestana - and then disaster struck. As he came into the left-hander before the elevator jump, he came off the little jump too far forward and went over the bars. Northrop ended up cruising the remainder of the moto to finish eighth.

"I rode the front wheel for a little bit and then it tucked," a dazed Northrop later said. "I went over the bars and hit my head pretty hard. I'm still seeing stars."

With Northrop out, Pestana took over the lead and never looked back, eventually taking the checkered flag and the overall win. Tiearney followed in second, with Stapleton, Mason and Jerrad Fisher rounding out the top five. Although Ketcham finished sixth, his first-moto win netted him second overall on the day.

"I think the pressure got to Jeff (Northrop)," said Pestana. "I was right on him and he was making a few bobbles before he went down. Stapleton was riding good up front, but then me and Jeff just motored away from him."

"I finally got a better start, which helped out, and Stapleton was pretty hard to pass," said Tiearney. "After that, I just kept it on."

In both 250cc motos, Pestana got second-place starts. Fox/Tim Morais Racing/DC Shoes-backed Bowyer took the early lead in moto one. Bowyer, who has returned after taking a few years off, showed good speed up front until Pestana got by him. Northrop also moved through and tried to chase down Pestana, but an unexpected trials-style ride over a hay bale ended his chase, and he eventually settled for second. Bowyer held on to third, followed by Mason and Stapleton.

In moto two, Ketcham got the holeshot but went way wide coming up to the ensuing tabletop. The miscue allowed Pestana to take over the lead, and with Northrop out after his mishap, Pestana was never challenged. Bowyer put in another good ride, finishing second and second overall on the day, followed by Harold Hageman aboard a Fox/FMF/VP Fuels Suzuki. Fisher took fourth, and Stapleton rounded out the top five. CN

Hollister Hills
Hollister, California
Results: October 4, 1999 (Round 4)

Pee Wee Track

50 F/T: 1. Christopher (HM); 2. Brian Johnson (Hus); 3. Timmy Jannisse (KTM).

50 P/W JR: 1. Connor Montalbo (Suz).

50 (4-6) STK: 1. Zachary Cyr (Pol); 2. Jerry Blake Jr. (HM); 3. Landon Cohen (HM); 4. Jake Casey (Lem); 5. Zack Martinez (KTM).

50 (7-8) STK: 1. Grayson Swift (Cob); 2. Charlie Moore (KTM); 3. Crystal Layton (KTM); 4. Casey Sherman (KTM); 5. Logan Cohen (HM).

50 (0-8) OPEN: 1. Ty Keenom (Cob); 2. Richard Rinauro (KTM).

Main Track

50 (4-6) STK: 1. Landon Cohen (HM).

50 (7-8) STK: 1. Crystal Layton (KTM); 2. Logan Cohen (HM); 3. Grayson Swift (Cob); 4. Charlie Moore (KTM).

50 OPEN: 1. Richie Thomas (Cob); 2. Ty Keenom (Cob).

60 F/T: 1. Ronald Wheelus (KTM); 2. William Hoppner (Kaw); 3. Nich Moreno (Kaw); 4. James Vega (KTM); 5. Scott Gust (Kaw).

60 BEG: 1. Cody Jackson (Kaw); 2. Luke Layton (KTM); 3. Richie Thomas (Kaw); 4. Matthew Kent (KTM); 5. Joshua Duppong (KTM).

60 NOV: 1. Kramer Patterson (Kaw); 2. Ryan Martin (Kaw); 3. Nicholas Baker (KTM); 4. Chris Santino (Kaw).

60 INT: 1. Dustin Enochs (KTM); 2. Justin Enos (KTM); 3. Bryar Perry (Kaw); 4. Tyler Freeman (Kaw).

60 OPEN: 1. Dustin Enochs (KTM); 2. Tyler Freeman (Kaw); 3. Ryan Martin (Kaw); 4. Justin Enos (KTM).

80 F/T: 1. Jack Shimuni (Hon); 2. Kyle Hernandez (Suz); 3. John Freiee (Hon).

80 BEG: 1. Jacob Challburg (Kaw); 2. Darryl Seville (Kaw); 3. Jeremy Kneisly (Yam); 4. Chris Rowell (Kaw); 5. Kurtis Batey (Yam).

80 B/W: 1. Chad Shimon (Hon); 2. Casey French (Hon); 3. Josh Mourer (Kaw); 4. Tyler French (Hon).

80 NOV: 1. David Darsey (Yam); 2. Justin Woods (Yam); 3. Jarrod Martens (Yam); 4. Tyson Enzweiler (Yam); 5. Travis Enzweiler (Yam).

80 INT: 1. Charlie Morrison (Yam); 2. Jack Van Camp (Yam); 3. Aaron Bergantz (Yam); 4. Cory McDaniel (Yam); 5. Aaron DiCiano (Yam).

80 S/MINI: 1. Charlie Morrison (Yam); 2. Corey McDaniel (Yam); 3. David Darsey (Yam); 4. Jack Van Camp (Yam); 5. Aaron Bergantz (Yam).

125 BEG D-1: 1. Court Tiede (Yam); 2. Danny Stommel (Yam); 3. Matt Fernandes (Suz); 4. Raymond Blake (Yam); 5. John Wear (Hon).

125 BEG D-2: 1. Brian Fetrow (Yam); 2. Josh Jenkins (Kaw); 3. Abe Johnson (Yam); 4. Jason Bousquet (Hon); 5. Chris Rowell (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. John Goodby (Yam); 2. Trafton Chandler (Yam); 3. Josh Cox (Yam); 4. Adam Miller (Kaw); 5. Mike Starkweather (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Steve Martens (Yam); 2. Ryan Morais (Yam); 3. Turbo Reif (Hon); 4. Randy Norman (Yam); Keith Verdin (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Jeff Pestana (Suz); 2. Jesse Ketcham (Suz); 3. Nathan Tiearney (Suz); 4. Dennis Stapleton (Suz); 5. Mike Mason (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. Gary Rose (Yam); 2. Myke Lanois (Kaw); 3. Jeff Beaubier (Hon); 4. Troy Kaczmarczyk (Yam); 5. Frank Frasula (Suz).

250 NOV: 1. Jake Hemphill (Kaw); 2. Robert Blake (Kaw); 3. Mark Bousquet (Kaw); 4. Jason La Bare (Suz); 5. Nick Bainbridge (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Turbo Reif (Hon); 2. Randy Norman (Yam); 3. Kenny Heess (Hon); 4. Billy Jurevich (KTM); 5. Kurt Long (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Jeff Pestana (Suz); 2. Andy Bowyer (Yam); 3. Harold Hageman (Suz); 4. Dennis Stapleton (Suz); 5. Jerrad Fisher (Suz).

500 INT: 1. John Moore (Yam); 2. Gary Plaatje (Hon).

25+ BEG: 1. Shawn Davis (Yam); 2. Myke Landis (Kaw); 3. Michael Taylor (Hon); 4. Randy Tufts (Yam); 5. Frank Frasula (Suz).

25+ NOV: 1. Gary Dunn (Kaw); 2. Steve Snyder (Kaw); 3. Jeff Beaubier (Hon); 4. Jason La Bare (Suz); 5. Dana Drake (Suz).

25+ INT: 1. Brian Toline (Suz); 2. Shane Verdin (Kaw); 3. Phil Segundo (Yam); 4. Mark Tucker (Suz); 5. Mike Segundo (Yam).

25+ EX: 1. Mike Hodges (Suz); 2. Ken Arnold (Yam); 3. Kevin Wilkinson (Yam); 4. Billy Serpa (Yam); 5. Pat Saugar (Yam).

30+ BEG: 1. Mark Silva (Kaw); 2. Gary Rose (Yam); 3. Mike Jones (Yam); 4. Shane Maes (Yam); 5. Mondo Guerrero (Hon).

30+ NOV: 1. Jeff Molimer (Kaw); 2. Shawn Davis (Yam); 3. Scott Linley (Yam); 4. David Lundin (Kaw); 5. Keith DiVigilio (Suz).

30+ INT: 1. John Moore (Yam); 2. Mike Segundo (Yam); 3. Mark Tucker (Suz); 4. Steven Storie (Hon); 5. Shawn Fisher (Yam).

30+ EX: 1. Mike Hodges (Suz); 2. Ken Arnold (Yam); 3. John Handelin (Suz); 4. John Hiebo (Suz); 5. Pat Saugar (Yam).

30+ PRO: 1. Jeff Pestana (Suz).

35+ NOV: 1. Kurt Smith (Suz); 2. Ross Robertson (Yam); 3. Robert Fields (Yam).

35+ INT: 1. John Moore (Yam); 2. Gary Plaatje (Kaw); 3. Jeff Baxter (Yam); 4. Steven Storie (Hon); 5. Tim Alvarado (Kaw).

40+ NOV: 1. Robert Fields (Yam); 2. Mike Amaral (Yam); 3. Greg Douglas (Hon); 4. Kevin Wilkinson (Suz); 5. Pat Saugar (Yam).

40+ INT: 1. Tim Alvarado (Kaw); 2. Jeff Baxter (Yam); 3. Mike Gorda (Hon); 4. Perry Sherman (KTM); 5. John Handelin (Suz).

AMA Fall Classic Eastern Four-Stroke National
Round 4: Daniel Boone Motocross

Horton, Riddle, Smith at DBMX

By Susan S. Willian

LONDON, KY, OCT. 3

With some 347 riders present at Daniel Boone Motocross, the fourth round of the 1999 AMA Fall Classic Eastern Four-Stroke National - run in conjunction with race 15 of the U.S. Mega Series as well as the Pepsi-backed Kentucky State Motocross Championship - was filled with excitement. Team Atlas Yamaha/Moto Planet/Boyesen-backed Robbie Horton earned overall honors in the 125cc Pro class, while 16-year-old hometown favorite Ben Riddle won the 250cc Pro contest and KTM's Kelly Smith landed the overall in the Four-Stroke National.

At the start of the first 125cc Pro moto, several riders went down in the first corner as Kevin Walker pulled out to an early lead. Next was Hans Neel, followed by Team Green/Podium One/FMF/Suspension Plus-sponsored Riddle. On the first lap, Horton was back in sixth but on the move. By lap two, Riddle had hit the dirt and Horton had worked his way into third, right on the Neel's rear fender. Neel went down, allowing Riddle to move into third. Two laps before the checkered, Horton went down, moving Riddle up another slot. Horton recovered and pulled alongside Riddle. On the final lap, Horton passed

Riddle, utilizing an outside line. Walker took the moto win with ease. Horton claimed second. Riddle was third, with Neel fourth.

Walker was the top dog off the gate in moto two, with Horton and Riddle hot on his heels. By the second lap, Horton had taken the lead. Riddle followed suit on the third lap by taking an inside line through Wildcat Corner. Riddle set his sights on Horton. The two challenged each other throughout the remainder of the moto, with Horton chalking up the win, Riddle taking second and Walker third.

Jim Chester came out first around turn one in the first 250cc Pro moto, followed by Riddle, Walker and Clark Stiles. Stiles immediately piloted his machine by Walker to take over third. Walker then rode off the side of the track. Riddle was in the driver's seat before the end of lap one.

Horton, riding a four-stroke machine, got caught back in the pack on the start and had worked his way to sixth by lap two. He began picking off riders and moving through the pack. Horton worked his way to fourth and maneuvered his machine by Jeff Gibson and then Stiles, and then began to gain ground on Riddle.

At halfway, Riddle was riding with Horton on his rear fender, waiting for the freshman Pro to make a mistake. Horton took the lead, though only for a short distance, as Riddle recovered and regained it. The pair swapped positions several times. Horton finally remained in first, with Riddle right on him.

"I got an okay holeshot and Walker passed me through the Gravity Cavity," Riddle explained, "and then, in the whoops, I regained it. At the end of the moto, lappers were in the way, and I knew I only had one other place to pass him. So I just decided to ride safe and finish second for the moto."

"The moto was too long," said Horton. "I did not have a very good start. I knew Ben got a good start, and I knew if I could get by him, I would hold on to the lead. Ben pressured me all I wanted. He put up an awesome ride. At one point, in a small, tight section of the track, we repassed each other several times. It was a great ride."

By the second 250cc Pro moto, the bright, sunny day had turned cloudy and overcast, with light rain and wind. Riddle shot off the gate like a bullet as Jim Neese, Stiles and Walker followed. Neese gave Riddle a run for the money. Horton sat in the stands, watching the race, having hurt his hand earlier in the Four-Stroke race.

Neese rode out of control through the SuperCross Six but managed to save it as Walker, Stiles and Gibson chased him. Midway through the moto, heavier rain made the track surface somewhat slick. Neese backed off, riding more cautiously. The second half of the moto was uneventful, as steady rain fell. Gibson had bike problems two laps before the finish and pulled off the track. Riddle filed by for the win, followed by Neese, Walker and Chester. Stiles did not fare as well, taking ninth.

"This was my second overall win in the 250 Pro class," Riddle said. "I also won at Birch Creek in round two. The track was slick. It was like riding on pavement with gravel on it. I knew Horton was not going to race before the moto. Actually, I was hoping he would race. I was a little concerned about Neese."

In the first Four-Stroke moto, Kentucky's Rodney Carrier was quick off the gate and around the first turn as Walker moved by for the lead, followed by Stiles, chased by Horton and Neese. Horton went down at the finish-line jump, landing in the hay bales. Horton was slow in remounting, as he had to make some bike repairs. Walker, meanwhile, had a comfortable lead. Carrier pulled off the track with a spark-plug-cap problem. Stiles lost second after going down at the top of Canyou Canyon. This moved Smith into second after a sixth-place start. Walker styled his machine across the finish line for the win, with Smith second, Stiles third, Neese fourth and Horton fifth.

"They had watered the face of the jump," Horton remarked. "My whole bike slid out from under me. The handlebars got pushed down. I continued to push the entire moto, but I was also having fun. I wasn't going to kill myself, because I am riding six motos today."

Smith dominated the second moto as Neese, Walker, Horton and Stiles tried to catch up to him. By lap four, Smith, Neese, Walker and Horton still rode within inches of one another. Horton made a successful pass by driving by on the inside line to go by Walker. Horton then moved by Neese and tried for Smith. Smith got sideways through the whoop section but held on to first. Horton was right on Smith, waiting for just the right moment. Neese fell off the pace in third and Walker remained in fourth. With two laps to go, Horton fell off the pace. Smith pulled away for the win, followed by Horton some distance back, and then Stiles, Neese and Walker. **CN**

Daniel Boone Motocross
London, Kentucky
Results: October 2, 1999 (Round 4)

50 SHAFT: 1. Cody Robbins (Yam); 2. Colton Renaker (Yam); 3. Andrew Langworthy (Yam); 4. Harrison Whaly (Yam); 5. Forest Kirkland (Yam).

50 (4-6): 1. Cody Robbins (Cob); 2. Colton Renaker (Cob); 3. Christopher Epperson (KTM); 4. Dakota Mathews (Cob); 5. Clay Combs (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Les Smith (Cob); 2. Benjamin Denton (Cob); 3. Sean Cunningham (Cob); 4. Trevor Hovis (KTM); 5. Caleb Miller (KTM).

60 (7-9): 1. Justin Ashburn (KTM); 2. Dominic Izzi (Kaw); 3. Les Smith (Kaw); 4. Tyler Bright (KTM); 5. Aryton Dunkel (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Taylor Reilly (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Masen (KTM); 3. Justin Jacobs (Kaw); 4. Shelby Rolen (Kaw); 5. Corey Moore (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Josh Lichtle (Suz); 2. Justin Sipes (Kaw); 3. Nicholas Benza (Kaw); 4. Justin Ashburn (KTM); 5. John Benza (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 2. Douglas Thomason (Kaw); 3. Alexander Hunter (Yam); 4. Timothy Lee Horn (Kaw); 5. Brandon Belcher (Suz).

80 (14-15): 1. Ryan Sipes (Kaw); 2. Zachary C. Miller (Suz); 3. Blake Hovis (Hon); 4. Matthew Crawford (Yam); 5. Brandon Durbeck (Yam).

80 D: 1. Chris Brown (Hon); 2. Jonathan Williams (Kaw); 3. Brandon Moore (Yam); 4. Grant Wilson (Hon); 5. Patrick Osborne (Yam).

S/MINI: 1. Josh Lichtle (Suz); 2. Ryan Sipes (Kaw); 3. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 4. Douglas Thomason (Kaw); 5. Justin Sipes (Kaw).

125 A/PRO: 1. Robbie Horton (Yam); 2. Kevin Walker (Yam); 3. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 4. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 5. Scott Met (Suz).

125 B: 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Aaron Stancil (Yam); 3. William Simmons II (Hon); 4. J.R. Carter (Suz); 5. Siler Chapman (Suz).

125 C: 1. Jacob Saylor (Kaw); 2. Jamie Hainer (Kaw); 3. Duane Mitchell (Yam); 4. Nicholas Wolfe (Yam); 5. Matt Blevins (Suz).

125 D: 1. Russell Brinson (Hon); 2. Jonathan Salyers (Hon); 3. Brandon Bollinger (Yam); 4. Jeremy Walker (Kaw); 5. Matt Dolin (Suz).

250 A/PRO: 1. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 2. Jim L. Neese (Yam); 3. Kevin Walker (Yam); 4. Jim Chester (Suz); 5. Clark Stiles (Suz).

250 B: 1. Joseph Prather (Yam); 2. Doug Earls (Suz); 3. Matt Ketcheson (Suz); 4. Matthew Richey (Kaw); 5. Matthew Withrow (Yam).

250 C: 1. Jacob Saylor (Kaw); 2. Nicholas Wolfe (Yam); 3. Michael Campbell (Hon); 4. Jordan Gallaher (Hon); 5. Tim Ripsherger (Kaw).

250 D: 1. Alan Dixon (Hon); 2. David Rapp (Yam); 3. Victor Hethcox (Suz); 4. Travis Carlisle (Yam); 5. Kenny Methard (Suz).

SCHBY (12-15): 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Aaron Stancil (Yam); 3. Siler Chapman (Suz); 4. Matt Blevins (Suz); 5. Hutch Lee (Kaw).

25+ A: 1. Jim Chester (Suz); 2. Chad Lough (Suz); 3. Kevin Blalock (Hon); 4. Kevin Black (Kaw); 5. Albert McCoy (Suz).

25+ B: 1. Chad Bryson (Kaw); 2. Larry Mitchell (Suz); 3. Rodney Cavender (Kaw); 4. Robert Knox (Hon); 5. Harry Stanford (ATK).

25+ C: 1. Thomas Turner (Yam); 2. Keith Cottingin (Hon); 3. Garnett Tuttle (Hon); 4. Donny Kaelin (Yam); 5. Phillip Wilson (Yam).

30+ A: 1. Rodney Carrier (Yam); 2. Larry Gessner (KTM); 3. Kevin Blalock (Hon); 4. Jere Pope (Kaw); 5. Albert McCoy (Suz).

30+ B: 1. Rodney Cavender (Kaw); 2. Chad Bryson (Kaw); 3. David Miller (Hon); 4. Kevin Kasey (Hon); 5. Wendell Penrod (Yam).

30+ C: 1. Jimmy Leach (Kaw); 2. Timothy Camp (Suz); 3. Donny Kaelin (Yam); 4. Wesley Campbell (Kaw); 5. Ahmet Akaydin (Kaw).

35+: 1. Jere Pope (Kaw); 2. Ron Jones (Suz); 3. Kevin Kasey (Hon); 4. David Miller (Hon); 5. Marc Cleveland (Hon).

40+: 1. Ron Jones (Suz); 2. Michael Robinson (Suz); 3. Terry Blake (Suz); 4. Larry Trimnal Jr. (Yam); 5. Gene Campbell (Hon).

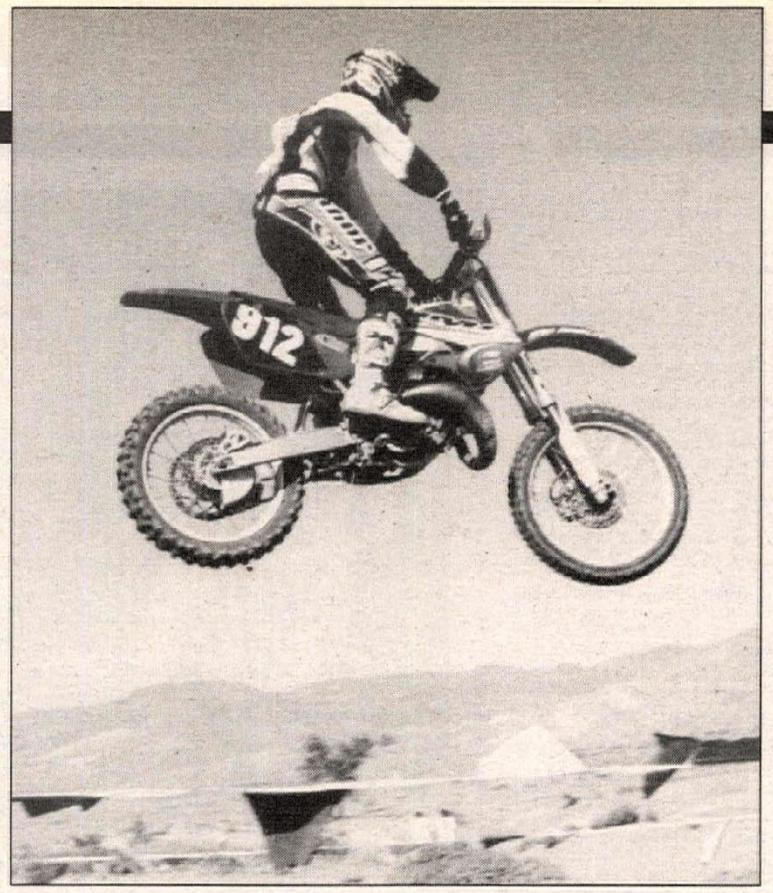
48+: 1. Ted Shortridge (Suz); 2. Kenny Spencer (Hus); 3. Ray Ward (KTM); 4. Gale Fleenor (Suz); 5. Dexter White (Kaw).

4 STRK BK: 1. Joseph Prather (Yam); 2. Thomas Turner (Yam).

4 STRK PRO: 1. Kelly Smith (KTM); 2. Clark Stiles (Suz); 3. Kevin Walker (Yam); 4. Robbie Horton (Yam); 5. Jim L. Neese (Yam).

U/L AM: 1. William Simmons II (Hon); 2. J.T. Smith (Hon); 3. Donnie Adams (Kaw); 4. J.R. Carter (Suz); 5. Chad Bryson (Kaw).

U/L C/D: 1. Michael Campbell (Hon); 2. Jamie Hainer (Kaw); 3. Jordan Gallaher (Hon); 4. Charles Meadows (Suz); 5. Terrell Collins (Suz).



As a tribute to his friend, Jeff Northrop rode the late Freddie Wiechers' bike to a moto win at the eighth and final round of the Nevada State Championship Series at Fernley International Raceway.

Nevada State Championship Series
Round 8: Fernley International Raceway

McMurry in a hurry

By John Silva

FERNLEY, NV, SEPT. 19

Mike McMurry won both the Over 30 Expert and Over The Hill Gang Expert races with a four-moto sweep at the final round of the Nevada State Championship Series, held in Fernley, Nevada. McMurry, who hails from nearby Reno, joined other winners in dedicating his victory to the memory of popular local hero Freddie Wiechers.

The huge turnout of riders and fans included many who were there to pay their respects to the late Freddie Wiechers, who died tragically the previous Thursday when he was struck by a vehicle while cross-training on his mountain bike near his Reno-area home. As a tribute to the much-admired 17-year-old Pro rider, every one of the more than 300 riders in attendance took to the track for a two-lap tribute to Wiechers. The mood quickly turned from somber to joyous when Freddie's dad and mentor, Fritz Wiechers, roared out onto the track on his Harley-Davidson. As fans cheered and riders raised their hands up in support, Fritz thundered through the traffic for two unforgettable laps, and from that moment on, the fun had returned to Fernley. After the tribute laps, the Wiechers family thanked the riders and encouraged everyone to make the most of a great day for racing. As a final encouragement, Fritz reminded everyone of Freddie's dedication to motocross excellence.

"Ride hard and have fun," said Fritz. "That's what Freddie did, and what he would have wanted all of you to do."

"Quick" Gilbert Chick took that advice to heart and roosted off the line to the holeshot in the first Over 30 Expert moto, with Eric Schacht, Richard Mannschreck, McMurry and Al McElroy in tow. Chick played hare to the hounds as he pulled away from the pursuing pack. McMurry made his way to second place by midrace, turning ever-faster laps. As the race entered the final lap, McMurry was knocking on Chick's back door. Chick briefly squirted away entering the back section, but McMurry twisted it even harder and pulled alongside Chick in the switchbacks. McMurry banged cases with Chick down the next straight - an approach to passing that McMurry later admitted hasn't always worked well for him in the past.

"Usually, I come up with a mouth full of sand," said McMurry, "but this time I made the pass."

After squeezing into the lead, McMurry stayed out front until the end. As the racers received the checkered flag, it was McMurry first, followed by Chick, Schacht and Mannschreck; McElroy did not finish.

Chick promised more for the second moto, and indeed he started well - but there was no denying McMurry on this day. The Yamaha racer was once again out front at the moto's end, and the top four repeated their first-moto finishing order, earning matching overall scores for the day.

McMurry, Chick, Mannschreck and Schacht banged bars again in the Over The Hill Gang race as they vied for the Expert-class win. When it was over, McMurry was the champion, with Schacht second and Mannschreck third.

Another racer who racked up the wins was Tim Dyer, who has an unbroken streak of moto wins in the Over 40 Expert class that reaches back several races. Dyer also topped the OTHG Pro/Master division with a pair of second-place finishes. **CN**

Fernley International Raceway
Fernley, Nevada
Results: September 19, 1999 (Round 8 of 8)

25+ BEG: 1. Tim Standridge (Hon); 2. Kyle Wyant (Kaw); 3. Roy Anderozzi (Hon); 4. Shane O'Neal (Hon); 5. James Raybor (Yam).

25+ JR: 1. Robert Guillen (Hon); 2. Marvin Small (Yam); 3. Scott Churchley (Hon); 4. James Kindness (Hon); 5. Steve Wagner (Hon).
25+ INT: 1. Paul Mudd (Yam); 2. Mike Slipcevic (Yam); 3. Tim Walker (Suz).
30+ BEG: 1. Todd Deck (Hon); 2. Kurt Hinkel (Yam); 3. Scott Henderson (Hon); 4. Greg Blair (Hon); 5. James Raybor (Yam).
30+ JR: 1. Anthony Pulera (Hon); 2. Mark Favia (Hon); 3. James Schatz (Hon); 4. Marvin Small (Yam); 5. James Kindness (Hon).
30+ EX: 1. Mike McMurry (Yam); 2. Gilbert Chick (Hon); 3. Eric Schacht (Yam).
30+ INT: 1. Cliff Walls (Yam); 2. Scott Stromberg (Yam); 3. Scott Churchley (Hon); 4. Rod Provost (Hon); 5. Larry Jones (Hus).
40+ JR: 1. Michael Jacobs (Mai); 2. Russ Wyant (Suz); 3. Duane Quick (Suz).
40+ INT: 1. Mike Spano (Suz); 2. Mike Ellis (Hon); 3. Ken Gourley (Suz); 4. Bob Fabel (Hon); 5. Ted Griffin (Hon).
40+ EX: 1. Tim Dyer (Hon); 2. Tom Baugh (Suz); 3. Rod Guinn; 4. Greg Burns (Kaw); 5. Scott Sutter (Hon).
WMN: 1. Sedanna Losey (Hon); 2. Christina Ellis (Hon); 3. Norma Jean Jean (Yam); 4. Shelley Hein (Kaw); 5. Casey Walls (Yam).
OTHG BEG: 1. Ken Gourley; 2. Casey Walls; 3. Eric Welker.
OTHG JR: 1. Mike Helton.
OTHG INT: 1. Cliff Walls; 2. Scott Stromberg; 3. Greg Burns; 4. Scott Churchley.
OTHG EX: 1. Mike McMurry; 2. Eric Schacht; 3. Richard Mannschreck.
OTHG PRO: 1. Tim Dyer.
60 (0-9): 1. Jacob Robik (KTM); 2. Patrick Diehl (Kaw); 3. Jeremy Barrett.
60 (9+): 1. Tyler York (Kaw); 2. Kyle O'Brien (Kaw); 3. Carey Lincoln (Kaw); 4. Nolan Rudd (Kaw); 5. Ean McElroy (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Kyle O'Brien (Hon); 2. Travis Polon (Hon); 3. Rodney Guinn; 4. Garret Gonzalez (Hon); 5. Tony Nessler (Yam).
80 JR: 1. Scott Ritter (Kaw); 2. Jeff Klino (Yam); 3. J.L. Bitz (Yam); 4. Eric Pearson (Kaw); 5. Nathan Ashley (Hon).
80 INT: 1. Nick Baugh (Kaw).
125 BEG: 1. Cory Krasel (Yam); 2. John McManus (Hon); 3. Chad Laughlin (Yam); 4. John Linden (Suz); 5. Brian Smith (Hon).
125 JR: 1. Chris Taylor (Yam); 2. Josh Peterson (Hon); 3. Jake Wilcox; 4. Robbie Altizer (Kaw); 5. Nick Baugh (Kaw).
125 INT: 1. Jesse McDonald (Yam); 2. Ryan Manha (Yam); 3. Greg Garrison (Hon); 4. Bob Beaupre (Kaw); 5. Drake McElroy (Kaw).
125 EX: 1. Tommy Jean (Yam).
125 PRO: 1. Mike Mason (Hon); 2. Brian Foster (Yam); 3. Justin Mastalka; 4. Dustin Miller (Yam); 5. Kenny Bell (Hon).
30+ PRO: 1. Sven Stillmock (Hon); 2. Darryl Haney (Suz); 3. Tim Dyer (Hon); 4. Robert Harper (Yam); 5. Mike Riddle (Hon).
250 BEG: 1. Anthony Pulero (Hon); 2. Wylin Jensen (Hon); 3. Brian Goluck (Hon); 4. Trenton Edwards (Yam); 5. Scott Garrett (Hon).
250 JR: 1. Josh Kauffman (Yam); 2. Dan Duvall (Hon); 3. Michael Ruepp (Kaw); 4. Chip Lancaster (Suz); 5. Kyle Fine (Kaw).
250 INT: 1. Paul Mudd (Yam).
250 EX: 1. Tommy Jean (Yam).
250 PRO: 1. Scott Stillmock (Hon); 2. Dustin Miller (Yam); 3. Jesse Duncan (Hon); 4. Justin Mastalka (Hon); 5. Darryl Haney (Suz).

AMA National Hot Shoe Series
Round 12: Susquehanna Speedway

Roeder rules

By Len and Ben Breech

NEWBERRYTOWN, PA, SEPT. 25

Taking advantage of a third-lap restart, George Roeder II blasted to the outside of early leader Kevin Varnes and held on to record the 750cc Expert final win at the 12th round of the AMA National Hot Shoe Series. The 600cc Experts were also restarted, but winner Robert Lewis had taken the lead just before the red was displayed. The 600cc Pro Sport victory went to Tom McGrane Jr., who clinched the class title just by qualifying for the final. Tim Eades took over the 883 class when early leader Chris Hart dropped out at the halfway point.

The Reading Motorcycle Club/RSCA-sponsored event marked the first time in more than 20 years that motorcycles have competed on this track, and it has been almost 30 years since a professional race was held here. Although there was a little problem early in the day getting the track crew to understand that motorcycles have different needs than cars, by the finals, the track - which looks like a nine-tenths-scale model of Hagerstown - was in fairly good shape.

In the 750cc Expert winner's circle at round 12 of the AMA National Hot Shoe Series at the Susquehanna Speedway in Newberrytown, Pennsylvania, the trophies went to Mike Varnes (24) for third place, his brother Kevin (89) for second, and George Roeder II (66) for first.

By the end of the 750cc scratch heats, there were three groups of riders. Barring any breakage, Varnes and Roeder would be battling for the win, Mike Varnes and Shawn Clark would be fighting for third, with the other six riders fighting for fifth. With their primary machines on the West Coast for the National swing, Roeder and Kevin Varnes would be on backup bikes. This presented no problem for Roeder, who has a few Harleys that are almost as good as his National bikes, but for Varnes, it was a different story. After a phone call or two, they located the Phil Wickersham-owned Harley that took Rusty Rogers to his only National win at Hagerstown. In fact, when the bike arrived, it still had Rogers' number-57 plates attached.

At the start, Kevin Varnes slipped into the lead, holding off Roeder, Clark and Mike Varnes. As the track has a moderately narrow groove, places stayed the same in the early stages as riders tried different lines. Things changed after the third lap, when Jerry Vanderkool slipped off the groove into the first turn and brought out the red flag.

Off the restart, Kevin went high off the second turn, but Roeder put his Schaeffer's H-D/Las Vegas H-D/K-K/Fatzinger Auto Supply Harley higher and held on to take the lead, while Mike Varnes got his White's H-D/Schaeffer's H-D-sponsored Harley by Clark off the second turn for third. From that point on, the order stayed the same, and everyone kept the same margin to the end. Roy Miller, Jim McIlvena, Garth Bastion, Ricky Winsett and Randy Shank slugged it out for fifth. By the 10th lap, Winsett had started to get the Eric Rausch-owned machine figured out, and he took the fifth spot from McIlvena.

The most exciting of the finals was the 600cc Expert, in which veteran Duane Veeder put the McGrane Racing KTM in front of Todd Winsett, Robert Lewis, Joe Eades and Tim Eades. The front three put some distance on the rest. Lewis got by Winsett on the back stretch of lap four and then he moved up to rekindle his heat-race battle with Veeder. On the sixth lap, they traded the front spot, with Lewis putting his Cox H-D/Bell Helmets/Cheesne Classic Cycle/JL&H Motorsports-sponsored Rotax into the lead off two on the next lap. On the following lap, the red flag came out for Chris Hart, who fell in turn three.

As is often the case, a midrace restart changes the entire complexion of the race. As the riders hit the third turn, Lewis held the lead ahead of Winsett and Joe Eades, with Veeder mired midpack.

"I couldn't shift it off two, so I reached down and pulled it into gear," Veeder revealed later.

Lewis and Winsett again pulled clear of the pack. The Eades brothers, Jeremy Thompson, Veeder and Chris Hart battled for third, changing positions rapidly until about two laps to go, when Thompson put a few lengths on the Eades boys. Hart came back from his get-off to split the Eades on the final lap for fifth.

While Tom McGrane Jr. and Cory Roth won their 600cc Pro Sport heats, their battle in the final was made easier when half of the front row jumped the start and had to start from the penalty line. McGrane and Roth were quickly in front of Ace Phillips, Jason Goodwin and Brian Vincent. Vincent took the third spot as they headed down the back straight on lap three. McGrane drifted a little high in the second turn on lap five, letting Roth by. For most of the remainder of the race, McGrane kept his Diem's Cycle/Rizzion Cycle/Indian Motorcycle Supply/SKAT-sponsored Rotax right on Roth's rear fender, and Roth drifted high in the second turn on the 10th lap, letting McGrane slip into the lead.

Only four of the 883 riders answered the call for the final. Chris Hart took the lead from Tim Eades, Kevin Hilbert and Guy Stuart. They quickly spread out, and the only change occurred on the sixth lap, when Hart pulled into the pits, giving Eades the win. CN

Susquehanna Speedway
Newberrytown, Pennsylvania
Results: September 25, 1999
(Round 12 of 14)

600 PRO SPT: 1. Tom McGrane (Rtx); 2. Cory Roth (Rtx); 3. Brian Vincent (Rtx); 4. Perry Phillips (Rtx); 5. Jason Goodwin (ATK); 6. Joey Zydinsky (Rtx); 7. Jason Spearin (Rtx); 8. Billy Bromley (W-R); 9. Kristen Edwards (Rtx); 10. Steven Charles (Rtx); 11. Joey Tyeryar (Rtx); 12. Aaron Humphrey (Rtx).
600 EX: 1. Robert Lewis (Rtx); 2. Todd Winsett (W-R); 3. Jeremy Thompson (Rtx); 4. Tim Eades (Rtx); 5. Chris Hart (Rtx); 6. Joey Eades (Rtx); 7. Duane Veeder (KTM); 8. Aaron Creamer (Rtx); 9. Don Mullen (W-R); 10. Phil Libhart (Rtx); 11. Mike Forro II (Rtx); 12. John Winsett Jr. (Rtx).
750 EX: 1. George Roeder II (H-D); 2. Kevin Varnes (H-D); 3. Mike Varnes (H-D); 4. Shawn Clark (H-D); 5. Ricky Winsett (H-D); 6. Jim McIlvena (H-D); 7. Garth Bastian (H-D); 8. Roy Miller (H-D); 9. Randy Shank (H-D); 10. Jerry Vanderkool (H-D).
883: 1. Tim Eades (H-D); 2. Kevin Hilbert (H-D); 3. Guy Stuart (H-D); 4. Chris Hart (H-D); 5. Joey Tyeryar (H-D).

District 37 Desert Racing Series, Round 22

Capt takes the win

By Shawn Drouin

RED MOUNTAIN, CA, SEPT. 12

The Lost Coyotes Hare Scrambles took place at Red Mountain on a nice, hot summer day. The event started at Searles Station Road with a five-row start at approximately 9 a.m. Sunday morning. The bomb was fast and easy, taking riders through Charlie's Place and then toward Highway 395 before heading back toward Searles Station Road.

Team Green/Pro Circuit/IMS/Fox-backed Jeff Capt was the first rider to the end of the dusty bomb, and he was also the first rider to the finish line.

"I got a one-kick start and was first to the end of the bomb, just as I had planned," said the KX500 rider. "I knew that if I wasn't the first one to the end of the bomb then it would be real dusty and hard to catch the top riders. The course ended up being pretty fast, considering the summer heat. I led the whole race from start to finish, knowing who was behind me at all times. If I felt they were getting a little bit closer, then I'd pick up the pace. I kept a good, even speed - just enough so the other riders stayed behind me."

The closest rider to Capt happened to be one of his Vet Open Expert-class competitors. KX-mounted Abe Baumann and Capt are in a head-to-head battle this year for the number-one Open Vet plate, so the racing was fierce.

"I didn't get a good enough start," said Baumann. "I had a good line, and probably the best line to the end of the bomb. I overshot a turn and I got off into the bushes. As I backed off the throttle, Capt passed me near the end of the bomb. I never passed Capt after that, but I did come close. I was 30 seconds behind him coming into the pits."

Heading out onto the second loop, both Capt and Baumann had a good-sized lead on the rest of the field, and the second loop around would spread out the field even more.

"There was one little uphill that they put in the course that was a bit technical, but nothing that was too hard or insuperable," said Capt. "The second

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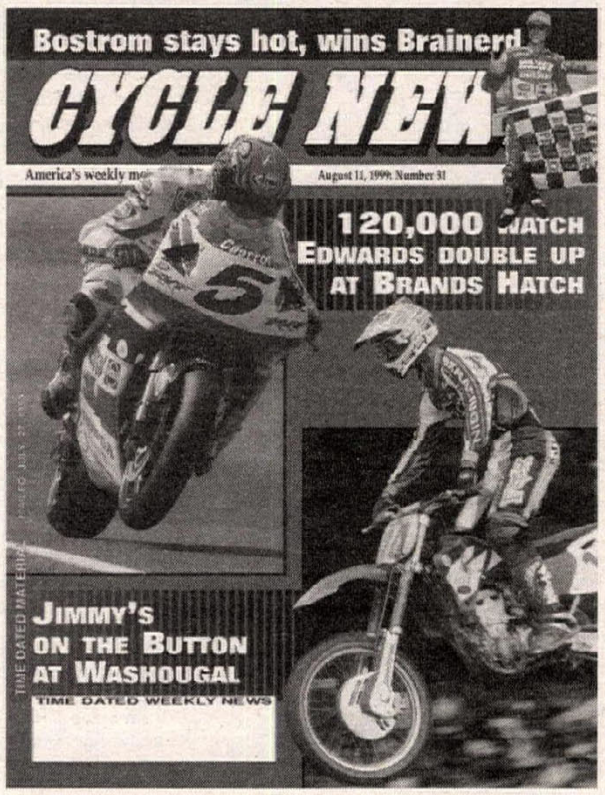

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(Above Left) Brad Holt (50S) passed John Lundgren (45) for the Sportsman 600cc victory at the third annual Ray Hensley Memorial Flat Track, held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. Paul Herman (68E) placed second and Tom Horton (55) took third. Lundgren finished fifth. (Above right) Jeremy Cook (60) battles with David Ginolfi (16) for second place in the second 125cc B moto at Hurricane Hills Sports Center in Clifford, Pennsylvania.

loop had a lot of lappers on the hill, with spectators gathering all over the place. It ended up being kind of challenging, getting around them with only a single track. The worst part of the race was the dust from the lappers the second time around. The dust was a huge factor on the second loop, because as soon as I went out of the pits, which was about two miles after the start, there were lappers."

Baumann had a similar experience with the hill and the rest of the loop.

"The dust was a major factor in the race, especially with the lappers," said the John Burr Cycles/Rocket Rex Racing/VRP/Smith-backed Baumann. "I didn't have any trouble with the bike. It worked great. I have new porting and a fresh motor, so it ran real strong. It definitely wasn't the bike's fault that I came in second. I think I just got outridden by Capt."

While Capt and Baumann were battling it out up front, Team Green's Doug Chiapuzio was making up time from a mediocre start to head for third overall.

"There was a lot of dust out there, so it was hard for me to come back from a bad start," said the Answer/Bell Helmets/Dunlop-backed Chiapuzio. "I'd say I was about 20th at the end of the bomb. I was in the dust basically the whole race. After the first loop, I got out of the dust and passed nothing but lappers the whole entire second loop."

Still, Chiapuzio garnered the Open Expert-class honors. Rounding out the top five behind Chiapuzio were KX500 pilots Ron Schuler and Dan Richardson.

One rider not riding a KX500 who posted a stellar finish was YZ125-mounted Matt Murphy, who was competing in the Expert 200cc class.

"The first lap, I played catch-up," said Murphy. "When I came into the pits, my pit crew told me I was 11th. On the second lap, I picked up five positions, moving me into sixth."

Finishing second to Murphy in the 200cc class was Kurt Caselli.

"I got a decent start and was about midpack to the end of the bomb, and after that I started passing a lot of riders," said Team Green's Caselli. "There weren't very many technical areas in the course. It was pretty much wide-open terrain, where you could go as fast as you could. There wasn't anything out there to slow you down too much. It was a good course. They put in a lot of virgin trails, and I thought that was pretty fun." **CN**

District 37 Desert Racing Series
Red Mountain, California
Results: September 12, 1999
(Round 22 of 33)

First Loop

80 EX: 1. Jeff Dillon (Kaw); 2. Travis Wagschal (Suz).
80 AM: 1. Lee Bunting (Kaw); 2. Shawn Drouin (Yam); 3. Joshua Roche (Hon).
80 NOV: 1. Corey Wolff (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Matthew Contreras (Hon); 2. Jim Rusiewski (Hon).
125 BEG: 1. Jonathan Mitchum (Yam); 2. Billy Wise (Yam); 3. Justin Madson (Yam).
250 BEG: 1. Jason Bradbury (Hon); 2. Travis Seymar (Hon); 3. Les Koenis (Yam).
250 VET BEG: 1. Paul Lamb (Hon); 2. Richard Andrade (Hon); 3. Dan Dalton (Hon).
250 VET NOV: 1. Bradley Hay (Hon).
VET OPEN EX: 1. Sid Payne (ATK).
EX OPEN SR: 1. Dave Johnson (ATK); 2. Slim Tesh (Hon).
AM OPEN SR: 1. Karl Heilbronner (Hon).
BEG OPEN SR: 1. Greg Jackson (KTM).
BEG OPEN VET: 1. Dale McCue (Hon); 2. Jerry Ford (Hon); 3. Howard Shadwell (Hon).
AM WMN: 1. Vanessa Crawford (Kaw); 2. Stacy Doerk Sr. (Hon).
AM MAG: 1. Terry Whatt (KTM).
BEG 250 SR: 1. Tom White (Yam); 2. Peter R. Neumann (Kaw).
NOV 250 SR: 1. Rodger Gulledge (Suz).
NOV OPEN VET: 1. Joan McVicker (Ver).
BEG 4-STRK: 1. Carlos Topete (Yam); 2. Ted Kalnas (Hon); 3. Brian Thompson (Kaw).
NOV OPEN SR: 1. Donald Knight (Kaw).
BEG OPEN BEG: 1. Mark Lawrence (Hon); 2. Christopher Buraett (Hon); 3. Robert Flores (KTM).
EX S/SR: 1. Roy Watson (KTM); 2. Al Guzman (Kaw); 3. Ed Butler (Kaw).
NOV WMN: 1. Amie Mann (Hon); 2. Kathryn Skinner (Kaw).

Second Loop

VET OPEN EX: 1. Jeff Capt (Kaw); 2. Abe Baumann (Kaw); 3. Dan Richardson (Kaw).
EX OPEN: 1. Doug Chiapuzio (Kaw); 2. Eron Boyer (Hus); 3. Brian Nevestich (Kaw).
EX 4-STRK: 1. Brian Cunningham (Yam); 2. Mike Kornwinder (Yam); 3. Mike Koncur (Yam).
EX 200: 1. Matt Murphy (Yam); 2. Kurt Caselli (Kaw); 3. Colby Gulledge (Suz).
EX 250 SR: 1. Charlie Barney (G-G); 2. Scott Anderson (Yam); 3. Jodie Partain (KTM).
EX 250 VET: 1. John Spaeth (Kaw); 2. Paul Shafer (Yam); 3. Dave Earl (Kaw).
EX 250: 1. Luke Dodson (Kaw); 2. Matt Burroughs (Hus).
EX OPEN SR: 1. Don Brand Jr. (Hon); 2. Steve Oteis (Kaw); 3. Kirk Kouileff (Hon).
EX MAG: 1. Richard Jackson (Kaw); 2. Paul Ashford (Yam); 3. Frank Brewer (Hon).
EX WMN: 1. Erin M. Larsen (Yam); 2. Kassie Gray (Kaw).
AM 4-STRK: 1. Kurt Mann (Yam); 2. Troy De Cordoba (Yam).
AM 250: 1. Ron Warren (Kaw); 2. Chad Peters (KTM); 3. Zack Dodson (Kaw).
AM OPEN VET: 1. Lennie Scheck (Yam); 2. Mark Seiver (Hon); 3. Bronson Garcia (Kaw).
AM 200: 1. Craig Gulledge (Suz); 2. Greg Sigwiy.
AM 250 VET: 1. Andy Cossio (Kaw); 2. Tony Santa Maria (Yam); 3. Morgan Pierce (Suz).
AM OPEN: 1. Dale Shuttleworth (Kaw); 2. Mark Negel (KTM).
AM OPEN SR: 1. Jerry Coffey (Hon); 2. Bruce Steigelman (Yam); 3. Thomas Gibson (Hon).
AM 250 SR: 1. Dennis Goulany (Yam); 2. Jon Shoemaker (Kaw); 3. Rob Plourde (Kaw).
AM MAG: 1. Tim Bridwell (Kaw); 2. Bob Pryor (Kaw); 3. Lan Drake (Hus).
NOV 250: 1. Jason Slinkord (KTM); 2. Joshua Coffey (Yam); 3. Scott Saunores (Kaw).
NOV OPEN: 1. Jimmy Sauer (Yam); 2. Shane Scrimshire (ATK); 3. Kevin Knight (Kaw).
NOV OPEN VET: 1. Tom Phoenix (Yam); 2. Danny Schul (Yam); 3. Rodney Foster (KTM).
NOV 200: 1. Michael Kempe (KTM); 2. Cole Gates (Yam); 3. Mike Prodonovich (Suz).
NOV 250 VET: 1. Chris Foster (Kaw); 2. Keith Murphy (Yam); 3. Anthony Underwood (Hus).
NOV 4-STRK: 1. Ed Dobrztnski (Yam); 2. Jason Nemake (KTM); 3. Darin Doucette (Yam).
NOV 250 SR: 1. Jay A. Higgs (Yam); 2. Bruce Armstrong (Yam); 3. Shorty Carpenter (Yam).
NOV OPEN SR: 1. Keith De Joingh (KTM); 2. Manuel Aceves (Hon); 3. Alan Baldwin (Yam).

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

Lewis lets loose

By Dennis Suter

LANCASTER, CA, SEPT. 6

The third annual Ray Hensley Memorial Flat Track was held this year on Labor Day, the last day of the Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival. This facility was the site of nine major short-track events which were held on the opening night of the fair from 1967 to 1975. Those races were promoted by the legendary J.C. Agajanian and drew 400 250cc riders to comete before a sold-out grandstand. This race was promoted by AHRMA racer Tom Horton, who raced in those events more than 25 years ago, and more than 100 entrants raced on a three-eighths-mile oval in front of a large, festive crowd, but it was Marty Lewis who really let loose, taking wins in both the Senior (Over 50) and Sportsman 750cc classes.

Ken Netto's Can-Am led the large field of Sportsman 250cc riders to the first turn. Bultaco riders Horton, Brad Holt, Manny Crumett, Nick Nassisi and Jeff Lesley followed. Crumett sneaked by Holt on the third lap, and Lesley nipped Nassisi on the fifth and final lap. The final order was Netto, Horton, Crumett, Holt and Lesley.

Holt covered the Sportsman 600cc class, almost going flag to flag. Paul Herman grabbed second over Horton, but on the second lap, an aggressive Horton rode inside of Herman in turn one. Herman retaliated on lap four and held second to the checkers. Crumett was fourth and John Lundgren finished fifth.

Triumph riders Dennis Pirehiro and Marty Lewis blasted into the lead in the Sportsman 750cc main. Horton, on a Yamaha, passed Pirehiro on lap three and set sail after Lewis, but Lewis' thundering twin was first to the finish line. BSA-mounted Larry Earhart worked through the field for third, and Pirehiro grabbed fourth.

SDFTA president and longtime competitor Jim McMurren bested the Classic 250cc main on a Harley Sprint. Bultaco rider Lesley and Suzuki twin rider Horton had a spirited dice for runner-up. Horton prevailed at the flag, followed by Lesley and Ossa jockey Rich Trait in fourth.

In the Senior (Over 50) class, Lewis took his second win of the day. McMurren finished second, while Warren Adams was third.

In the Classic 500/750cc contest, Gary Davis, on a 500cc Triumph, grabbed the early lead. Chris Rudy passed Davis on the second go-around, while Jeff Apple's 350cc Harley Sprint was a close third. Rudy dropped the big V twin out of four into the hay bales on the third lap. Allen McBee powered by Davis for the win. Apple was third, and Clark Edlington placed fourth.

The really old guys in the Super Senior race were once again led by Micky Alzola. Hank Corsio finished second, and Tom Howard placed third.

Paul Herman's fine showing in the 600cc race was a preview of things to come. Herman's Yamaha jumped to a commanding lead in the '70s Singles and he was never headed. The large field had a lot of tight racing but little position changing. Horton did pass Jeff Johnson for third on the last lap, while Ron Hinton rode for second all the way.

Results

SPTSMN 250: 1. Ken Netto (C-A); 2. Tom Horton (Bul); 3. Manny Crumett (Bul); 4. Brad Holt (Bul); 5. Jeff Lesley (Bul).
SPTSMN 600: 1. Brad Holt (Hon); 2. Paul Herman (Hon); 3. Tom Horton (Hon); 4. Manny Crumett (Bul); 5. John Lundgren (Hon).
SPTSMN 750: 1. Marty Lewis (Tri); 2. Tom Horton (Tri); 3. Larry Earhart (BSA); 4. Dennis Pirehiro (Tri); 5. Brian Coakley (Yam).
CLSC 250: 1. Jim McMurren (H-D); 2. Tom Horton (Suz); 3. Jeff Lesley (Bul); 4. Rich Trait (Oss); 5. Jack Ausmus (Bul).
CLSC OPEN: 1. Gary Davis (Tri); 2. Butch Cockran (Tri); 3. Daryl Foster (Tri); 4. Chris Apple (Tri).
CLSC 500/750: 1. Allen McBee (Aer); 2. Gary Davis (Tri); 3. Jeff Apple (H-D); 4. Clark Edlington (Tri); 5. David Brown (BSA).
VET 35+: 1. Tom Horton (Hon); 2. Ken Netto (Yam); 3. Greg Wilburn (Hon); 4. Jeff Lesley (Bul); 5. Brian Coakley (Yam).
SR 50+: 1. Marty Lewis (Tri); 2. Jim McMurren (H-D); 3. Warren Adams (Tri); 4. Rich Brewer (BSA); 5. Gary Duckett (Hon).
S/SR 60+: 1. Mickey Alzola (Tri); 2. Hank Cosio (BSA); 3. Tom Howard (Tri); 4. Marshall Jennings (Yam); 5. Larry Harness (Tri).
'70s SGL: 1. Paul Herman (Yam); 2. Ron Hinton (Yam); 3. Tom Horton (Hon); 4. Jeff Johnson (Tri); 5. Paul Colson (Yam).

Hurricane Hills Sports Center

Plotts paramount at Penn State MX

By Jim P. Sanderson

CLIFFORD, PA, SEPT. 19

Damien Plotts, the 1999 250cc-Open A/Pro Sport Amateur National Champion, dominated the 125cc, 250cc and Over 25 Open Expert classes at the 17th annual Tony D. MX Schools/Pennsylvania State Championships, hosted by Tom Hurd Promotions at the Hurricane Hills Sports Center. Track conditions were excellent, considering Hurricane Floyd dumped more than five inches of rain on northeastern Pennsylvania two days prior to the event. More than 450 riders signed up to race the 25 classes slated for the day's program.

Plotts got a good jump off the gate and piloted his Yamaha YZ125 through the 90-degree left first turn and never looked back. Trailing him were Paul Corey, Jim McIlvaine, Josh Sterritt and Jason Kear. Plotts had a four-second advantage over Corey by the start of lap two. Near the halfway mark of lap two, Casey Higgins passed Kear for fifth. The top five spread out and remained unchanged until the last lap, when Higgins passed Sterritt for fourth just before the finish line. Plotts took the checkered flag with a 13-second advantage. Rounding out the top five were Corey, McIlvaine, Higgins and Sterritt.

Ryan Mills nailed the holeshot in the second 125cc Expert moto, with McIlvaine, Plotts, Sterritt and Paul Waslin in tow. Plotts quickly passed McIlvaine for second halfway through the first lap. Corey passed Waslin for fifth and then got by Sterritt for fourth by the end of lap two. Plotts passed Mills for the lead just before the start of lap three. Plotts finished the moto with a five-second lead, trailed by Mills, McIlvaine, Corey and Higgins. Plotts earned the overall with his 1-1 score. Rounding out the 125cc Expert podium were McIlvaine and Corey.

Jeremy Cook got a huge jump on the pack in the first 125cc B moto, nailed the holeshot, took the early lead and never looked back. Trailing him were Matthew Coyle, Wayne Fire, Travis Hesketh and Jordan Jackson. Cook had a 10-second lead by the end of lap one. By lap three, the top five were Cook, Fire, Hesketh, Jackson and Rich Conley. Cook won the moto with a 13-second lead. Rounding out the top five were Fire, Jackson, Hesketh and Jimmer Miller.

James McNeil earned holeshot honors in the second 125cc B moto. Cook, David Ginolfi, Fire and John McKean were in tow. The top four remained the same through lap two, with Gene Nighman moving up to fifth. On lap three, Nighman dropped out of the top five and Hesketh was now fifth. McNeil managed to hold Cook off to get the moto win. Cook, Ginolfi, Fire and Hesketh rounded out the top five. Cook earned the overall with a 1-2 score. Taking the two remaining podium spots were Fire and McNeil.

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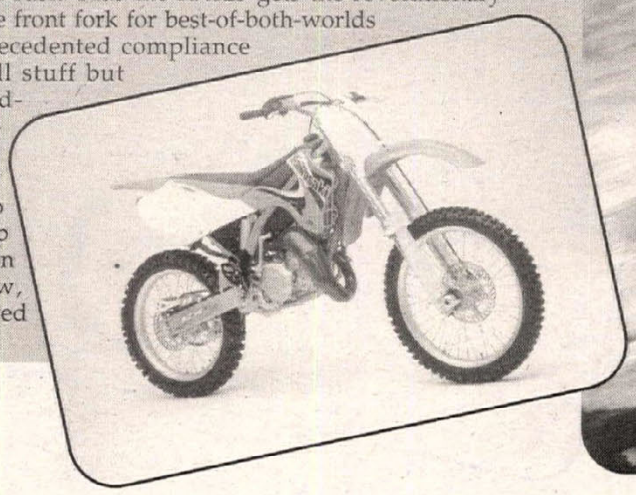

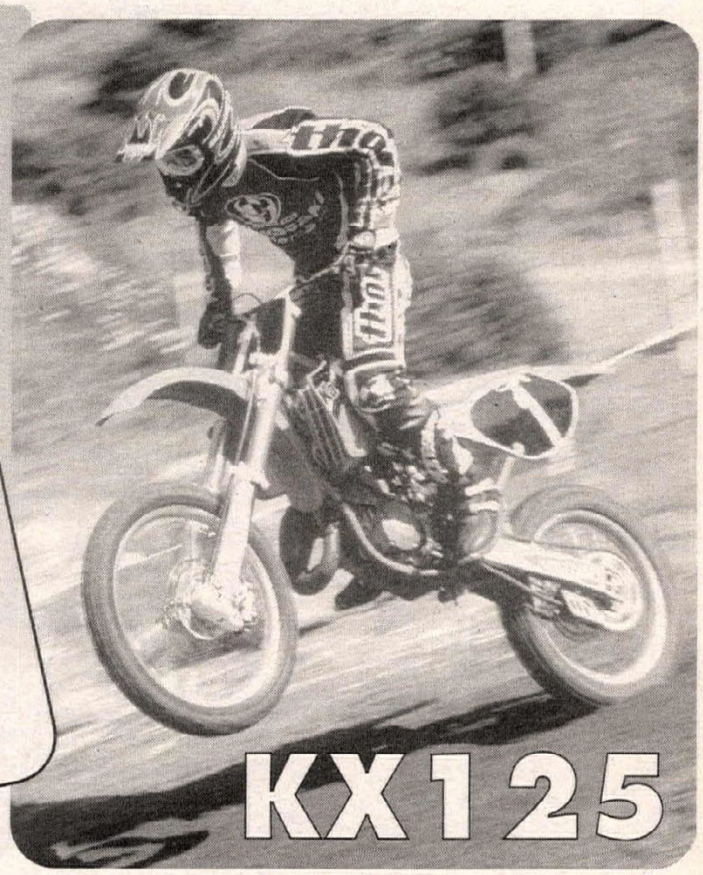

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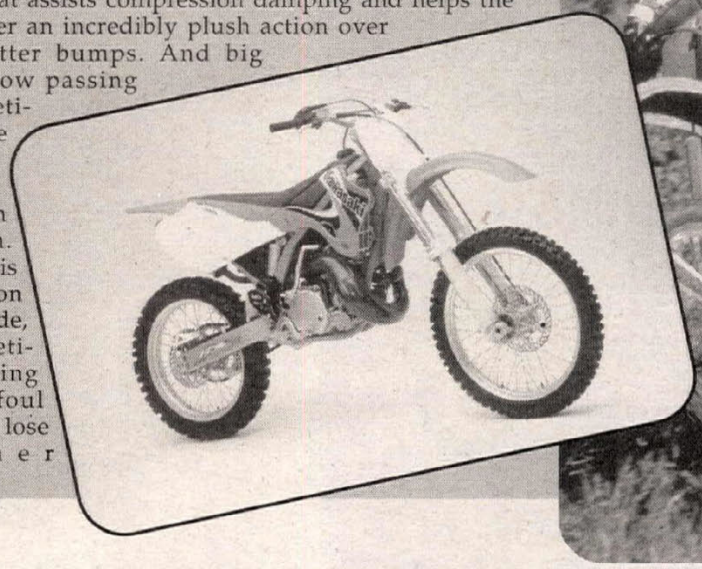

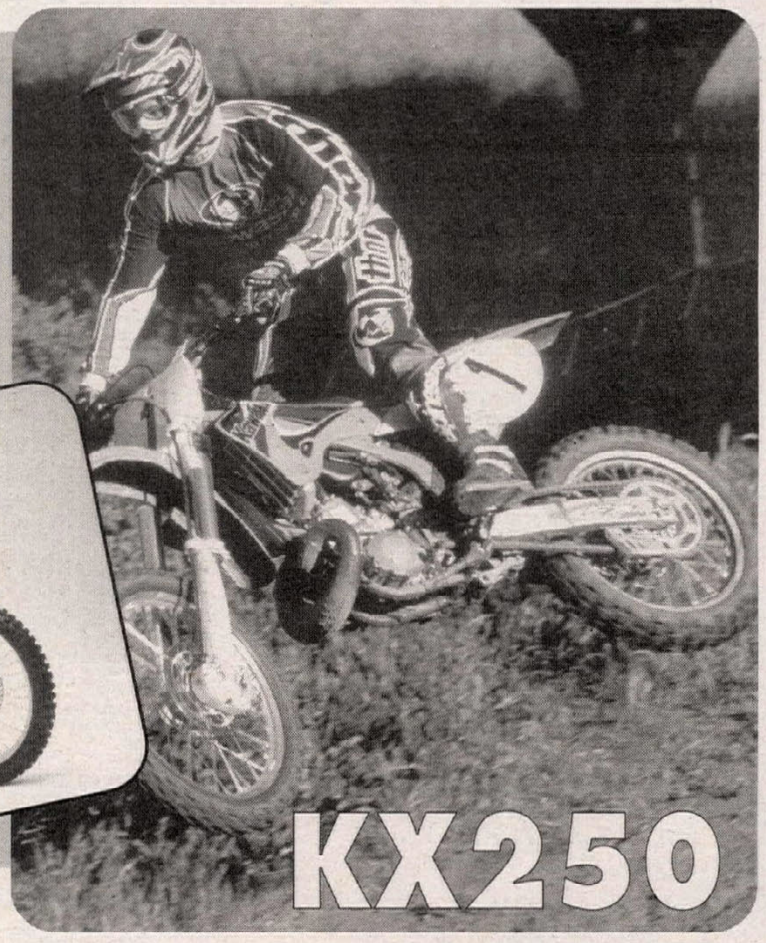

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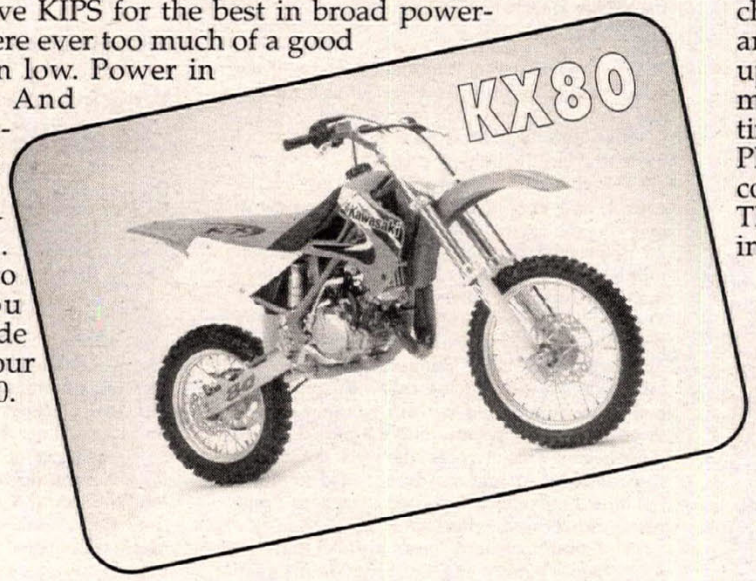

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50 (4-6): 1. Anthony Peregrin (Cob); 2. Drew Torrance (Cob); 3. Jonathan Daniels (Cob); 4. Jacob Erbe (KTM); 5. Scott Seal (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Ryan Blizzard (Cob); 2. Nicholas McPhee (Cob); 3. Jake Beebe (Cob); 4. Zachary Whitmore (Cob); 5. Marshall Hurd (Kaw).

65 (7-9): 1. Phillip Nicoletti (KTM); 2. Sean Hackley (Kaw); 3. Colton Bailey (Cob); 4. Matthew Hougentogler (Kaw); 5. Garret Wilson (Kaw).

65 (10-11): 1. Mitchell Dougherty (Kaw); 2. Sean Wallace (Suz); 3. Tyler Kline (Kaw); 4. Ryan Sebastian (KTM); 5. Billy Jenkins (Kaw).

85 (7-11): 1. Jay Weller (Kaw); 2. Mitchell Dougherty (Yam); 3. Phillip Nicoletti (KTM); 4. Sean Hackley (Kaw); 5. Mike Gesso (KTM).

85 (12-13): 1. Ryan Scott O'Laughlin (Yam); 2. Caleb Miller (Yam); 3. William Heckman (Hon); 4. David Sterritt (Kaw); 5. Eric Sebastian (Yam).

85 (14-15): 1. Jesse Cilbrith (Kaw); 2. Zachary Feaster (Kaw); 3. Justin Jackson (Hon); 4. David Sebastian (Kaw); 5. Jason Tissot (Hon).

SCHBY: 1. Ryan Mills (Hon); 2. Gene Nighman (Kaw); 3. Bobby Butler (Kaw); 4. Patrick Simpson (Yam); 5. Matthew Coyle (Yam).

CLGBY: 1. Glen Boyesen (Yam); 2. Jason Kear (KTM); 3. Paul Corey (Yam); 4. Richard Heverly (Yam); 5. John McKean (Suz).

S/MINI: 1. Jay Weller (Kaw); 2. Caleb Miller (Yam); 3. Ryan Scott O'Laughlin (Yam); 4. James Ayres (Hon); 5. Matthew Eastman (Kaw).

125 A: 1. Damien Plotts (Yam); 2. James McIlvaine (Yam); 3. Paul Corey (Yam); 4. Ryan Mills (Hon); 5. Casey Higgins (Yam).

125 B: 1. Jeremy Cook (Kaw); 2. Wayne Fire (Yam); 3. James McNeill (Yam); 4. Travis Hesketh (Yam); 5. Jimmer Eric Miller (Yam).

125 C: 1. Thomas Bell (Kaw); 2. Zachary Bloch (KTM); 3. Daniel Deemie (Hon); 4. Garson Desormeau (Kaw); 5. David Grover (Yam).

250 A: 1. Damien Plotts (Yam); 2. James McIlvaine (Yam); 3. Casey Higgins (Yam); 4. Joshua Sterritt (Kaw); 5. Mark Waldele (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Jeremy Cook (Kaw); 2. David Ginolfi (Kaw); 3. Andrew Pingotti (Suz); 4. Rich Atkinson (Hon); 5. Frank Pasquale (Yam).

250 C: 1. Zachary Bloch (KTM); 2. Danny Boccadori (Suz); 3. Jason Babernitch (Yam); 4. Scott Marzec (KTM); 5. Carmen Cordero (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Damien Plotts (Yam); 2. Eric Swartwood (Yam); 3. Paul Waslin (Kaw); 4. Dion Primioni (Suz); 5. Kenneth McCarthy (Kaw).

25+ B: 1. Timothy Henry (Hon); 2. Jerry Corson (Yam); 3. Jason Lewis (Kaw); 4. Henry Lucio (Yam); 5. Robert Murphy (Yam).

30+ A: 1. James McIlvaine (Yam); 2. Richard Pinney (Kaw); 3. Keith Mann (Yam); 4. Jarrett Newby (Hon); 5. Keith Hawkins (Yam).

30+ B: 1. Henry Lucio (Yam); 2. Timothy Henry (Hon); 3. Robert Murphy (Yam); 4. Dave Gagatek (KTM); 5. Keith Crothers (Hon).

30+ C: 1. Dave Daub (Kaw); 2. Brian Shattuck (Hon); 3. Neil Grasso (Kaw); 4. Rob Lorini (Yam); 5. Glen Barillo (Kaw).

40+: 1. Keith Mann (Yam); 2. Gene Nighman (Kaw); 3. Jarrett Newby (Hon); 4. Eric Eisenfelder (Suz); 5. Paul Hanna (Hon).

WMN: 1. Lindsay Cron (Suz); 2. Nancy Newby (Hon).

Canyon Offroad Park

Havins, Schlensig battle it out

By Stacy McKinley

PEORIA, AZ, SEPT. 25

Round one of Competitive Offroad Promotions' second annual eight-race Holiday Blowout Series kicked off at Canyon Offroad Park in Peoria, Arizona. The series is sponsored by Premier Motorsports, KTM and Canyon Offroad Park. The Arizona monsoon rains left the area around the Canyon a little soggy, but the track was prepped to perfection and ready for race action.

The best racing all night occurred in moto 10, which featured the 125cc Intermediate, 250cc Intermediate and 250cc Junior riders. Although many bikes were on the track, the crowd's attention was focused on only two of them. Thor/IMS-sponsored 125cc Intermediate rider Brandon Schlensig had a raging battle with Adrenaline-backed Eric Havins, in his 250cc Intermediate debut. Even though the two were racing in separate classes, they rode as though they were dicing for the same SX crown. Swapping the lead a couple of times and always wheel to wheel, the two battled right to the wire. They both won their respective classes, and Havins edged out Schlensig for the overall.

Results

B/BK OPEN: 1. 1. Eric Havins (Hon); 2. Brian Ehrman (Kaw); 3. Tri Suppes (Yam); 4. Steve Combs; 5. Matt Harper (Yam).

60 OPEN: 1. Andy Straight; 2. Nathan Harp (KTM).

80 OPEN: 1. Clay Higgins (Kaw); 2. Kyle Strippleman (Hon); 3. Ryan Robinson (Yam); 4. Brandon West (Suz); 5. Dennis Cooley (Yam).

P/W OPEN: 1. Mike Levy (KTM); 2. Bryan Christensen (KTM); 3. Zachary Buzzard (KTM); 4. Douglas Wang (KTM); 5. Cody McElroy (Cob).

P/W BEG (4-6): 1. Jackson Paquette (KTM); 2. Cody McElroy (Cob); 3. Justin Quinn (KTM); 4. Connor Reeves (KTM).

P/W BEG (7-8): 1. Douglas Wang (KTM); 2. Brian McCarty (KTM); 3. Nathan Jones (Yam); 4. Taylor Russ.

P/W JR: 1. Michael Levy (KTM); 2. Bryan Christensen (KTM); 3. Scott Maxwell (ATK); 4. Zachary Buzzard (KTM).

250 BEG: 1. Dan Shepherd (KTM); 2. Jeffrey McKnight (KTM); 3. Shawn Huddleston (Kaw); 4. Tyson Styles; 5. Mike Cluff (Hon).

125 BEG: 1. Cody Huddleston (Hon); 2. Jon Gordon (Yam); 3. Dustin Glossop (Hon); 4. James Davis (Kaw); 5. Luke Shetterly (Hon).

125 JR: 1. Bryan Ehrman (Kaw); 2. Corey Gutterad (Hon); 3. Tri Suppes (Yam); 4. Jordan Baldridge (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Brandon Schlensig (Yam); 2. Steve Combs (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Kyle Jones (Kaw); 2. Chris Messick (Kaw); 3. Tim Buettner (Kaw); 4. John Mahoney (Yam); 5. Chad Wayland (Hon).

80 JR: 1. Clay Higgins (Kaw).

60 BEG: 1. Nathan Harp (KTM); 2. David Dunch (Kaw); 3. Zachary Buzzard (KTM).

60 JR: 1. Nathan Mahoney (KTM); 2. Raul Rather; 3. Ryan Jones (Kaw).

VET BEG: 1. Frank Fasulo (Suz); 2. Rick Branch (Hon); 3. John Flammang (Yam); 4. Christopher Blodgett.

VET JR: 1. Darrin Austin (Yam); 2. Bill Flagg (Hon); 3. Dan Shepherd (KTM).

VET INT: 1. Lennie Suppes (Hon).

VET PRO: 1. Brock Judd (Hon); 2. Matt Harper (Yam).

Glen Helen Raceway Park

Hello, Newman

By Beth LaRock
Photo by Beth and Bob LaRock

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, SEPT. 19

At Glen Helen Raceway, one of the biggest challenges for the 125cc Beginner riders can be getting through the holeshot turn without mishap. At the last-chance qualifier for the California State Championship, Ryan Landstrom surprised many spectators by leading 18 racers through the first turn without one downed rider.

Following Landstrom in the first moto were Chris Avery, Chad Erl and Travis Newman. Before the first lap was over, Avery had passed Landstrom for first. Newman passed Erl and then Landstrom for second.

Sliding out of the berm in the podium turn cost Avery 10 positions on the second lap. Newman took the lead, with Landstrom and a hard-charging Jeff Loop close behind.

During lap three, Landstrom also slid out in a turn, dropping back to fourth. Coming from back in the pack, Brandon Kerr worked his way into third. Newman stayed consistent throughout the rest of the moto, crossing the finish line first, preceding Loop, Kerr and Landstrom.

"This is a little older bike," the Rocket Rex Suspension-sponsored Newman said following the moto. "It's not quite as fast on the starts. I rode quite a bit a couple years ago; then I took some time off. I'm really out of shape. I was barely hanging on."

Moto two featured another clean start, with Landstrom again leading the pack. In hot pursuit were Avery, Nicholas Clanton and Erl. Newman was sixth through the first turn.

On the first lap, on the back section of the track, Avery passed Landstrom for the lead. Clanton crashed, allowing Newman to move into third. Close behind Newman was Mike Paluzzi, who also had to work his way up from back in the pack. Newman battled with Landstrom, taking second. Paluzzi seized third from Landstrom on the third lap.

Avery took the checkered flag, followed by Newman, who took the overall. Paluzzi captured third.

"That was really tough," said Avery, breathing a sigh of relief. "He (Newman) was coming. I kept checking, and he was always there. I'd like to thank my only sponsor, Montclair Yamaha." Laughing, he added, "I'd also like to let everyone know that I'm happy to take on more sponsors."

On the Pee Wee (7-8) start line, Bryce Terzian said with an air of confidence, "I feel pretty good. The track is in good condition. I've got a good chance out there."

Claiming the holeshot in the first moto was Cobra-mounted Jake Canada. Close behind were Michael Truglia and Terzian. Terzian quickly claimed second and then set his sights on Canada. Terzian and Truglia passed Canada on the second lap.

Terzian, Truglia and Canada finished one, two, three.

"I'm going to go faster in the second moto," Truglia predicted. "The straightaways are the hardest parts, because they're bumpy."

True to his word, Truglia did go faster in the second moto, capturing the holeshot. But by turn three, Terzian and Canada had passed Truglia for first and second. Canada hung on Terzian's back tire, but he was unable to complete the pass. Terzian crossed the finish first, followed by Canada and Truglia.

Results

P/W YZ: 1. Sean Renshaw (Yam); 2. Dakota Tedder (Yam).

P/W (4-6): 1. Nic Paluzzi (Cob); 2. Blake Baggett (Cob); 3. Cody Farrar (KTM); 4. David Meade (Cob); 5. Brett Downey (Cob).

P/W (7-8): 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Jake Canada (Cob); 3. Michael Truglia (Cob); 4. Tommy Aquino (Cob); 5. Marcus Carrillo (Lem).

60 (0-8): 1. Trent Pugmire (Kaw); 2. Cole Seely (KTM); 3. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 4. Lance Coury (KTM); 5. Bruce Rutherford (KTM).

60 (9-11): 1. Shawn Hayes (KTM); 2. Mike Meade (Kaw); 3. Michelle Collins (Kaw); 4. Sherri Cruse (KTM); 5. Andrew Yarnell (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Kris Paluzzi (Yam); 2. Derreck Murphy (Suz); 3. Roberto Jiron (Suz); 4. Mike Meade (Kaw); 5. Mitch Maxwell (Hon).

80 NOV: 1. Sean Borkenhagen (Kaw); 2. Dane Jackson (Yam); 3. Weston Peick (Yam); 4. Bobby Dye Jr. (Yam).

80 EX: 1. Sean Collier (Kaw); 2. Kyle Mace (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Travis Newman (Yam); 2. Jeff Loop (Yam); 3. Chris Avery (Yam); 4. Brandon Kerr (Hon); 5. Mike Paluzzi (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Derek Costilla (Kaw); 2. Patrick Terry (Yam); 3. Danny Gianinni (Yam); 4. Brandon Norton (Yam); 5. Chris McDaniel (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Cory Gibbons (Yam); 2. Corey Macomber (Yam); 3. Jason Ciarletta (Yam); 4. Dustin Jameson (Yam); 5. Kane Jameson (Yam).

Travis Newman's one-two punch made him the overall 125cc Beginner winner at the California State Championship at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino.

125 PRO: 1. Josh Cavanaugh (Yam); 2. Robby McQuary (Yam); 3. David Hughes (Yam); 4. Neil Alonzo (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Jeff Sievers (Kaw); 2. Kevin Lillywhite (Yam); 3. Mike Hart (Hus); 4. Jerad Wilson (Suz); 5. Matt Hart (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Brett Daugherty (Yam); 2. Derrick McClintock; 3. Gavin Rome (Kaw); 4. Henry Hornsveld (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Bullfrog Newcomer (Yam); 2. Kevin Gahan (Yam); 3. Bryan Lamborn (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Terry Fowler (Yam); 2. Jason E. Fields (Yam); 3. Jose Polasek (Yam).

4-STRK NOV: 1. Brett Daugherty (Yam).

4-STRK INT: 1. Ryan Johnson (Yam); 2. Jim Finerty (Yam); 3. Dan Dilkey (Yam).

JR VET BEG: 1. Chad Freeman; 2. James Wolfe (Kaw); 3. Memo Aceredo (Yam).

JR VET INT: 1. Chris Alvarado (Yam); 2. Ryan Johnson (Yam); 3. Robbie James (Yam); 4. Bryan Lamborn (Yam); 5. Greg Pierce (Yam).

JR VET EX: 1. Jeff Fine (Yam).

VET BEG: 1. Mike Sparhawk (Kaw); 2. Lee Radder; 3. Larry Fleck (Yam); 4. Don Loudan (Suz).

VET NOV: 1. Louie Peick (Yam); 2. Michael Aquinaldo (Hon); 3. Rich Waite (Suz); 4. Dawson Leachman (Suz).

SR NOV: 1. Glenn Sherrie (Yam); 2. Mark Hesse (Yam); 3. Mark Moore (Yam); 4. Daryl Brightwell (Yam); 5. Dave Wallace (Yam).

SR INT: 1. Dan Dilkey (Yam); 2. Kirk Bassett (Yam); 3. Toby Taki (Yam); 4. Kris Goolsby (Yam).

SR EX: 1. Bob Maxwell (Yam); 2. Matt Tedder (Yam); 3. Jef Marriott (Kaw); 4. Dan McClintock (KTM).

WMN: 1. Kelly Renshaw (Suz); 2. Bonnie Kelly (Yam).

SOIL Hare Scrambles Series

Roth buries 'em in the SOIL

By Vickie Banes

FOSTERBURG, IL, SEPT. 12

"I knew the start was important because of the dust," said John Roth, "so I got out in front and just tried to put some time on everyone."

Roth did just that as he won round four of the SOIL Hare Scrambles Series.

The club did a good job of setting up the course, and they also tried something new to help out the riders: They used a color code for the different classes and also had riders put their numbers on the backs of their helmets to help the other riders identify who was in their class. The overall response from the riders was very positive. The day started out hot and dusty, making race conditions dangerous at times. Visibility was limited, forcing riders to spread out just to be able to see in front of them. About three-quarters of the way into the race, a downpour began. This changed the track conditions considerably. At first the dust turned to slime, but after a lap or two, it started to tack up. Some riders didn't mind; others hated it.

The conditions didn't seem to affect Roth.

"When the rain came, I just tried to maintain my lead," he said later. "I didn't think anyone was close. There were no real bad spots. The club did a good job with the course, even with the rain. Nothing was impassable. Overall, the race was uneventful, with no real challenges."

Roth also thanked Midwest Motor Sports and Fox Racing.

Lee Lankutis finished second in the AA class, and he thought it was a great race.

"The club did a good job setting up the course," Lankutis remarked. "The dust made it dangerous in places. I battled for second for several laps; the dust really slowed you down. The rain helped the dust, but it got greasy fast."

Lankutis thanked RTD Motor Sports, Boyesen Twin Air, Galfer Brakes, Pirelli Tires, Moose Racing, HPR Sports, Red Line Oils, Oury Grips and the Works Enduro Riders.

Tanner England finished third in the AA class.

"I'm glad I missed all the concrete deer this time," England commented. "It was a good course. I got a good start, but the dust was so bad, Roth got away. After Lee passed me, I just tried to keep him in sight. When it started raining, it got slick fast, so things slowed down - but it was still fun."

Dr. Chris Sloan got his first A-class win, but he wasn't pleased with it.

"It wasn't a real victory," Sloan decided. "The course was short and it powdered up."

Rick Kinkelaar came from third to win the Vet class; he credited the rain for the win. John Rhodes took second, even after running out of gas. Scott Fitzgerald finished third.

Jeff Kuechenneister won the Open B class.

"It was fun," he said, "even though the water truck showed up late."

Results

AA: 1. John Roth (Yam); 2. Lee Lankutis (KTM); 3. Tanner England (Yam); 4. Sammy Gosnell (Yam).

A: 1. Christopher Sloan.

4-STRK: 1. Stephen Sweet; 2. James Hancock (Yam); 3. Ryan Dare; 4. John Yarnell.

200 B: 1. Shawn Sanders (Yam); 2. Richard Bruce (Kaw); 3. James Sloan (Yam); 4. Zachary Maberry (Hon).

200 C: 1. Duane Rister.

250 B: 1. Jason Lemon (Kaw); 2. Robert Leitschuh (Yam); 3. Charles Meyers (Kaw); 4. John Cash (Kaw).

OPEN B: 1. Jeff Kuechenneister; 2. Matt Sellers (KTM); 3. Jeff Stichnoth (KTM).

OPEN C: 1. Shawn Rothe; 2. Michael Crowell (Yam); 3. Mark Masterson (Kaw); 4. Jeff Thorp; 5. Josh Kee.

VET: 1. Rick Kinkelaar (Yam); 2. John Rhodes (Yam); 3. Scott Fitzgerald (Kaw); 4. Steve Fitzgerald (Kaw); 5. Stephen Wiedau (ATK).

40+: 1. George Wills (Kaw); 2. Jim Mollet (Yam); 3. Leon Robinson (Yam); 4. David Pine; 5. Charles Cobb (Yam).

50+: 1. John Oller (Kaw); 2. Richard Hudson (Yam); 3. Robert Jackson (KTM).

TRL: 1. Brad Sloan; 2. Scott Irwin (Hon); 3. Richard Meyers; 4. John Wilson; 5. Justin Pratt.

Sandusky Valley Riders Club

Watkins and Durivage clans rule at SVR MX

By Carl Davis

TIFFIN, OH, SEPT. 19

It was a family motocross feud at the Sandusky Valley Riders Club, where the Watkins clan (father Scott and son Dillon) and the Durivage family (father Jim and son Greg) earned overall class victories at the MRA points-paying event. The event, billed as the "MX Freestyle Festival," featured a halftime jumping contest and numerous door prizes provided by race sponsor Schiets Motors of nearby Fremont, Ohio.

Showing some of the younger Pro riders the fast way around the SVR circuit, Scott Watkins took the 125/250cc Expert-class win over Canadian Kawasaki rider Brad Dixon and Schiets Motors-sponsored Honda rider Jake Davis after a three-way battle for the win in both motos.

The younger Watkins, Dillon, was busy winning the 125cc Intermediate class. He also took second overall in the 80cc Expert class and third overall in the 125cc Junior class. In the 125cc Intermediate class, Dillon took both moto wins, with Gregory Brooks taking second and Sam Collins taking third overall. The 80cc Expert class featured lots of talent, and David Reed took the win over Dillon, with Stephen Carnahan third. In the 125cc Junior class, Dillon took third behind Dustin Pulley and David Reed.

Greg Durivage started out his family's night on the right foot by taking the 60cc class victory, winning both motos over Adam Behringer and Allen Jones. Greg took second in the 85cc Novice class, behind Joshua Kompa. Mike Ream claimed third.

The elder Durivage, Jim, took the 250cc Beginner-class win with consistent rides; Brian Kennard and Gary Hahn rounded out the top three overall.

Another hot rider on the day was Suzuki rider George Fanelli, who topped the Vet Over 30 and Over 35 classes. Fanelli took the Over 30-class win over Craig Smith and Rick Custard, and he earned the Over 35-class win over Custard and Bill Buckles.

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(Left) Josh Bagge checked out on the rest of the field in both the 125cc Novice and 250cc Novice classes to take both class wins at the final event of California Racing Club's Saturday night motocross season at Los Angeles County Raceway. (right)Kenny Dale Orr (00) passed Greg Lovins (7), William Devault (293), Dustin Thomas (376) and the rest of the Supermini riders for the class win at the opening round of the Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series in Paris. Orr also took the 85cc Senior-class victory.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Austin Selhorst (Yam); 2. Matthew MacLachlan (Yam); 3. Makenzie Jones (Yam).

50 (7-8): 1. James Hudok (Yam).

50 SUP (4-6): 1. Kyle Straube (Yam); 2. Ryan Kanerva (KTM); 3. Orre Shane (KTM).

50 SUP (7-9): 1. Joshua Rutherford (Cob); 2. John Clark (Cob).

50 EX: 1. Joshua Rutherford (Cob); 2. Kyle Straube (Yam); 3. John Clark (Cob).

60 BEG: 1. Joshua Rutherford (Cob).

60 (7-11): 1. Greg Durivage (KTM); 2. Adam Behringer (Kaw); 3. Allen Jones (Kaw).

80 P/W: 1. Nathan Edwards (Yam); 2. Chris Camacchi (Yam); 3. James Hudok (Yam).

85 BEG: 1. Ben Wood (Hon); 2. Tim Lock (Kaw); 3. Dan Bour (Hon).

85 NOV: 1. Joshua Kompa (Suz); 2. Greg Durivage (KTM); 3. Mike Ream (Hon).

85 EX: 1. David Reed (Kaw); 2. Dillon Watkins (Suz); 3. Steven Carnahan (Yam).

125 JR (12-15): 1. Dustin Pulley (Suz); 2. David Reed (Kaw); 3. Dillon Watkins (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Ray Nusbaum (Hon); 2. Doug Reed (Hon); 3. Andrew Meyer (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Brad Hohenbrink (Kaw); 2. Jordan Tilton (Yam); 3. Ryan Voegle (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Dillon Watkins (Suz); 2. Gregory Brooks (Suz); 3. Sam Collins (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Jim Durivage (Kaw); 2. Brian Kennard (Hon); 3. Gary Hahn (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Danny Miller (Suz); 2. Shane Bauman (Yam); 3. Bob Johnson (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Phil Smith (Suz); 2. Jon Suman (Kaw); 3. Matt Vermilyea (Kaw).

125/250 EX: 1. Scott Watkins (Suz); 2. Brad Dixon (Kaw); 3. Jake Davis (Hon).

16-24 OPEN: 1. Brad Dixon (Kaw); 2. Tony Robinson (Hon); 3. Cory Mason (Yam).

VET 25+: 1. Matt Feasel (Hon); 2. Phil Smith (Suz); 3. Aaron Lewis (Yam).

VET 30+: 1. George Fanelli (Suz); 2. Craig Smith (Suz); 3. Rick Custard (Hon).

VET 35+: 1. George Fanelli (Suz); 2. Rick Custard (Hon); 3. Bill Buckles (Yam).

VET 40+: 1. Terry Deliman (KTM); 2. Mike Behringer (Kaw); 3. Jeffrey Clark (Suz).

VET 45+: 1. Robert Mason (Yam); 2. Rick Baldwin (Hon); 3. Eric Carlson (Hon).

300 NOV: 1. Mike Foard (Yam).

VINT '89: 1. Mark Mackay (Hon); 2. Lewis Cooke (Kaw); 3. Steve Heidlebaugh (Hon).

Los Angeles County Raceway

Bagge double-bags 'em

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, SEPT. 25

Another successful season of California Racing Club's Saturday night motocross at Los Angeles County Raceway came to an end tonight, with Honda-mounted Josh Bagge winning both the 125cc and 250cc Novice classes during the KTM of Mojave-sponsored event.

Bagge started things off with a wire-to-wire win of the first 125cc Novice moto. Nick Cali gated in second place and held off Ryan McConnell to claim the runner-up position. Matt Simpson overcame a fall for fourth, and Nick Jepson finished a respectable fifth in his Novice-class debut.

In round two, Bagge absconded with the holeshot over Simpson and Cali. Bagge methodically pulled away to greet the checkers with a comfortable 10-second cushion. Simpson kept Cali at bay for the entire moto, but it was the 2-3 of Cali that earned the second-place brass. Ryan Robertson came across in fourth to round out the top five on the night, behind the 3-5 of McConnell.

Bagge was just as impressive in the 250cc Novice ranks, where he once again turned a couple of good starts into runaway victories. Robby Errett finished second to Bagge in moto one during his first try in the Novice class, but Neil Chisholm got the upper hand in round two, going 3-2 for second overall.

In 80cc (7-11) action, Nick Sanchez held down the first-moto lead for a little over a lap before going down and dropping to fourth place. Kyle Jenkins inherited the top spot, which also lasted about a lap before he tangled with another rider in the whoops and ended up on the ground. Danny Gonzalez took his turn at the head of the pack, which lasted until the midway point, when he fell. By this time, Sanchez was all the way back up into second place, where he would finish, behind winner Tanner Langham. Gonzalez recovered for third, ahead of Timothy McDaniel and Jenkins.

Gonzalez controlled the pace out front for the first half of round two until a bobble dropped him back in the pack. McDaniel picked up where Gonzalez left off to take the second-moto win. It was Sanchez's consistent 2-2 scores that earned him the overall on the evening. Langham came up from a bad start to finish third and edge out McDaniel for second overall.

Results

P/W YAM BEG: 1. Austin Politelli (Yam); 2. Andrew Delgado (Yam); 3. Tyler Odam (Yam); 4. Kyle Pietro (Yam).

P/W BEG: 1. Joey Blair (KTM); 2. Shawn Rhinehart (KTM); 3. Mark Summerford (KTM); 4. A.J. Horton (KTM).

P/W ADV: 1. Matthew Popp (HM).

P/W 60: 1. Chandler Quimette (KTM).

P/W 70: 1. Chelsea Candido (Hon).

S/P/W (4-6): 1. Keith Robinson (Cob); 2. Chandler Quimette (KTM).

S/P/W (7-9): 1. Cale Summerford (KTM); 2. Kevin Carroll (KTM); 3. Christian Harding (HM); 4. Christopher Bracket (KTM); 5. Zach Springer (Cob).

60 BEG: 1. J.B. Peek (Kaw); 2. Chris Bracket (Kaw); 3. Jamie Dickson (Kaw); 4. Chris Bell (Kaw); 5. Cameron Gadsby (Kaw).

60 (4-8): 1. Shawn Butler (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Danny Gonzalez (Kaw); 2. Ken Slater Jr. (KTM); 3. Douglas Carter (Kaw); 4. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Tanner Alexander (Yam); 2. Matt Paullin (Hon); 3. Nick Simpson (Hon); 4. Daniel Cagle (Hon); 5. Mark Brewer (Hon).

80 (7-11): 1. Nick Sanchez (Suz); 2. Tanner Langham (Kaw); 3. Timothy McDaniel (Yam); 4. Danny Gonzalez (Kaw); 5. Kyle Jenkins (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Vincent Rhoads (Yam); 2. Brett Mountain (Yam); 3. Jimmy Gonzalez (Yam); 4. David Norris (Yam).

80 (14-16): 1. Mike Epstein (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Mike Epstein (Yam); 2. Mitchell Alsobrook (Hon); 3. Brett Mountain (Yam); 4. David Norris (Yam); 5. Timothy McDaniel (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Kevin Williams (Yam); 2. Travis Miehteria (Hon); 3. Chris Brown (Kaw); 4. Darin Chisholm (Hon); 5. Jonathan Bender (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. Josh Bagge (Hon); 2. Nick Cali (Yam); 3. Matt Simpson (Hon); 4. Ryan McConnell (Yam); 5. Ryan Robertson (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Shaun Trabert (Kaw); 2. Chris Elliott (Yam); 3. Johner Faulkner (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Bartecke Vratislav (Yam); 2. Christopher Leiker (Hon); 3. Mike Maute (KTM); 4. Joe Masek (Hon); 5. Bobby Keller (Yam).

250 NOV: 1. Josh Bagge (Hon); 2. Neil Chisholm (Hon); 3. Robby Errett (Yam); 4. Jason Cave (Suz).

250 INT: 1. Brent Gilliam (Yam); 2. Chris Reed (Kaw).

500 NOV: 1. Jon Hall (Hon).

JR VET BEG: 1. Rob Woods (Yam); 2. Rick Snavely (Hon); 3. Ami Azoulay (Kaw).

JR VET NOV: 1. Ed Bernal (Hon); 2. Todd Smart (Yam); 3. Pasha Afshar (Yam); 4. Bob Gorman (Yam); 5. Gary Harada (Kaw).

JR VET INT: 1. Robbie Dunham (Yam); 2. Chris Reed (Kaw); 3. Shane Stanley (Kaw).

VET BEG: 1. Jay Bagge (Hon); 2. Rob Woods (Yam); 3. Dale Hooker (Yam); 4. Cary McConnell (Kaw); 5. Mark Pacheco (Suz).

VET NOV: 1. Gary Harada (Kaw); 2. Todd Smart (Yam); 3. Ed Bernal (Hon); 4. Chuck Dempsey (Yam); 5. Pasha Afshar (Yam).

VET PRO: 1. Leo Saul (Yam); 2. Jim Sendlebach (Yam); 3. Edwardo Flippo (Hon).

SR NOV: 1. Andy Flum (Yam); 2. Scott Berg (Yam); 3. Jack Gilliam (Hon); 4. Bill Cotton (Suz).

SR INT: 1. Kenny Kopecky (Kaw); 2. Bob Dunham (Yam).

SR EX: 1. Jim Sendlebach (Yam); 2. Edwardo Flippo (Hon); 3. Jack Miller (Kaw).

Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Byington gets by

By Dick Goodwin

LAS VEGAS, NV, SEPT. 26

Yamaha-mounted Eric Byington used steady, consistent riding and a never-give-up attitude to come out on top of the Vet Novice division at the Las Vegas Motocross Club motocross race. Overcoming crashes to score a pair of second-place finishes in the up-and-down class put him in the number-one spot when the results were tallied.

Lanie Giordano smoked the field at the start of race one, but he and Kipp Fletcher went down together in the canyon turn. Byington was also caught up in the carnage, allowing Keith Clegg to take over the lead. Fletcher remounted first, but Byington was also up fast and on the gas. It took a lap, but Byington muscled past Fletcher to take over second. Out in front, Clegg was on the fast track, and he won the race easily. Byington finished a solid second, ahead of Fletcher and Giordano.

A rejuvenated Lanie Giordano took revenge in moto two, blasting out in front and into a lead he would never relinquish. Red Carpet's Fletcher tucked in behind him in second, just ahead of Byington and Clegg. The determined Giordano maintained a torrid pace in the point position, while Byington was once again working his way past Fletcher into second. First-moto victor Clegg was having problems, going down a couple of times while trying to move up. Giordano finished off the race in first, ahead of Byington, Fletcher and Clegg. Byington's two runner-up efforts earned him the overall Vet Novice crown, ahead of Giordano, Clegg and Fletcher.

In the 125cc Beginner class, Josh Camden had a pretty good day, winning both races the hard way, coming from behind each time. Jesse Avilla took the early lead in race one, ahead of Jacob Kotch and Ricky Guedry. Camden seemed to come from nowhere, passing everyone for the lead before lap one was over. As Camden stepped up the pace even further and motored off to a big cushion, Avilla and Kotch got into a wild, side-by-side, over-the-jumps battle for second. Kotch eventually broke free and headed off after Camden. Then Ricky Guedry came up and challenged Avilla. Camden cruised to the win, ahead of Kotch, while Guedry finally dispatched Avilla to claim third.

At the start of the second half, Kotch led Avilla and Guedry out onto the course. After another mediocre start, Camden was working his way through the pack. By the end of lap one, Camden was all over Kotch, making his move for the lead at the pit-board area with an inside pass in the corner. Kotch crashed over the finish-line jump, ruining his chances for the overall, as Avilla took over second. Camden capped his day with another win, earning him the overall 125cc Beginner trophy. Avilla's solid second place garnered him second overall, ahead of Guedry and Kotch.

Results

P/W STK (4-6): 1. Joshua Byington (Cob); 2. Cody Giordano (Lem); 3. John Wilson (Hon); 4. Cole Nannet (Yam); 5. Kris Kalkowski (Yam).

P/W STK (7-8): 1. John Jelderda (Cob); 2. Zachary Fussell (Cob); 3. Joey Martinez (Cob); 4. Jordan Berg (Lem); 5. Ronnie Goodwin (Cob).

P/W OPEN (4-8): 1. Zachary Fussell (Cob); 2. Joey Martinez (Cob); 3. Jordan Berg (Lem); 4. John Jelderda (Cob); 5. Andrew Iovino (KTM).

60 STK (6-8): 1. Ronnie Goodwin (Kaw); 2. Jonathan Horgan (Kaw); 3. Andrew Iovino (Kaw); 4. Anthony Giuliano (Hon).

60 STK (9-11): 1. Shawn Hayes (KTM); 2. Corey Beadle (Kaw); 3. Tony Esposito (Kaw); 4. Kurtis Gierer (Kaw); 5. Jeremy Asquith (Kaw).

60 OPEN (6-11): 1. Shawn Hayes (KTM); 2. Tony Esposito (Kaw); 3. Corey Beadle (Kaw); 4. Kurtis Gierer (Kaw); 5. Andrew Louis (Kaw).

80 STK (7-11): 1. Wesley Harris (Yam); 2. Shawn Hayes (Yam); 3. Tyler Sievers (Kaw); 4. Patrick Provencher (Suz); 5. Chris Renzi (Kaw).

80 STK (12-13): 1. Casey Tobias (Yam); 2. Kyle Murphy (Suz); 3. Frank Iovino (Kaw); 4. Ryan Avellar (Kaw); 5. Billy Guedry (Yam).

80 STK (14-16): 1. Zack Grobstein (Hon); 2. Tony Westbay (Kaw); 3. Jason Lopez (Kaw); 4. Ray Stevens (Hon); 5. Stephan Camden (Kaw).

80 OPEN (7-16): 1. Zack Grobstein (Hon); 2. Tyler Sievers (Kaw); 3. Frank Iovino (Kaw); 4. Casey Tobias (Yam); 5. Nathan Ambrose (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Tony Westbay (Kaw).

125 BEG: 1. Josh Camden (Yam); 2. Jesse Avilla (Kaw); 3. Ricky Guedry (Yam); 4. Jacob Kotch (Kaw); 5. Travis Harrison (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Jimi Harris (Yam); 2. Sean Kinshella (Kaw); 3. Brian Pillsbury (Suz); 4. Tim Parsons (Hon); 5. Marty Martin (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Derek Costella (Kaw); 2. Mark Hermann (Kaw); 3. Jason Brown (Yam).

125 OPEN: 1. Jason Brown (Yam); 2. Tim Parsons (Hon); 3. Matt Reincke (Yam); 4. Sean Kinshella (Kaw); 5. Jimi Harris (Yam).

250 NOV: 1. Lanie Giordano (Yam); 2. Bryan Larsen (Kaw); 3. Jim Ditto (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Jeff Murphy (Hon); 2. Steven Risco (Hon); 3. Jordan Dula (Yam).

MSTR 25+ BEG: 1. Wayne Johnson (Kaw); 2. Tim Slick (Hon); 3. Dave Heizes (Yam); 4. Jim Ditto (Hon).

MSTR 25+ NOV: 1. Eric Byington (Yam); 2. Lanie Giordano (Yam); 3. Keith Clegg (Yam); 4. Kipp Fletcher (Kaw).

MSTR 25+ INT: 1. Matt Hermann (Hon); 2. Jeff Murphy (Hon); 3. Marvin Chapman (Yam); 4. Steven Risco (Hon).

SPTSMN: 1. Rick Polson (ATK); 2. Glade Hooley (KTM); 3. Carmen Iovino (Hon); 4. Richard Lopez (Hon); 5. Stuart Wilging (Hon).

Henry County Fairgrounds

Orr, Ezell sizzle at Paris

By Chris Grissom

PARIS, TN, SEPT. 4

The ninth annual Motorcycle Stuff Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series, sponsored by Castrol, kicked off in Paris, Tennessee, with more than 260 riders from seven states attempting to earn Suzuki contingency money, Dunlop dollars, and state championship titles. With a vengeance, the riders took to the fairgrounds-sized track that was created just for this event.

Suzuki riders making early claims on contingency money included Kenny Dale Orr in the 85 Senior and Supermini classes, Mark Garrison in the Over 25 and Over 30 A classes, Darrell Bigham in the Over 40 and Over 30 B/C classes, Corey Needham in the 250cc C class, and Clint Burkeen in the Schoolboy class.

Orr and Tyson Ezell proved early to be the series favorites in the Youth classes, with Pro-Action of Kentucky's Ezell taking both the 65cc and the 85cc Junior-class wins aboard his KTM. Allen Brady was also a standout as a winner in the 50cc class and as runner-up to Ezell in the 65cc class.

Team Green Mid-South Motoplex's Jordan Moneymaker was on hand to show his stadia-cross skills, taking both the 16-24 and 250cc A classes, and making his bid for the series titles.

Jamaal Bond put his Honda atop the podium twice, in both the 125 and 250cc B classes.

Results

50: 1. Allen Brady; 2. Preston Seratt; 3. Logan Pollard; 4. Drew Seratt; 5. Zach Thompson.

65: 1. Tyson Ezell; 2. Allen Brady; 3. Brady Orr; 4. Chase Thomas; 5. Levi West.

85 JR: 1. Tyson Ezell; 2. Matt Kuykendall; 3. Brady Orr; 4. Austin Wells; 5. Chaz Green.

85 SR: 1. Kenny Dale Orr; 2. Greg Lovins; 3. Ben Crittendon; 4. Jared Arnold; 5. Steve Kissiar.

S/MINI: 1. Kenny Dale Orr; 2. Jared Arnold; 3. William Devault; 4. Greg Lovins; 5. Ben Crittendon.

SCHBY: 1. Clint Burkeen; 2. Damon Prince; 3. Eric Klinkhammer; 4. William Devault; 5. Derek Capps.

125 BEG: 1. Shannon Herron; 2. Mike Pollard; 3. Chris Thompson; 4. John Biggart; 5. Tony Moon.

125 A: 1. Derek Smith; 2. Darrell Blankenship; 3. Damon Prince; 4. Chris Fristoe; 5. Willis Grooms.

125 B: 1. Jamaal Bond; 2. Eric Klinkhammer; 3. Derrick Hunt; 4. Chris Brill; 5. Aaron Jones.

125 C: 1. Greg Hammond; 2. Josh Croley; 3. Tommy Hood; 4. Josh Burress; 5. Dillon Clayton.

250 BEG: 1. Doug Ford; 2. Conrad Long; 3. Matt Lewis; 4. Stephen Pope; 5. Scott Harris.

250 A: 1. Jordan Moneymaker; 2. Darrell Blankenship; 3. Mark Garrison; 4. Keith Guiden; 5. Willis Grooms.

250 B: 1. Jamaal Bond; 2. Mike Moore; 3. Aaron Mudd; 4. James Garner; 5. Russ Blankenship.

250 C: 1. Cory Needham; 2. Josh Burress; 3. Nathan Brashear; 4. Heath Ellis; 5. Chris Westphal.

WMN: 1. Melissa Bailey; 2. Sherry Crittendon.

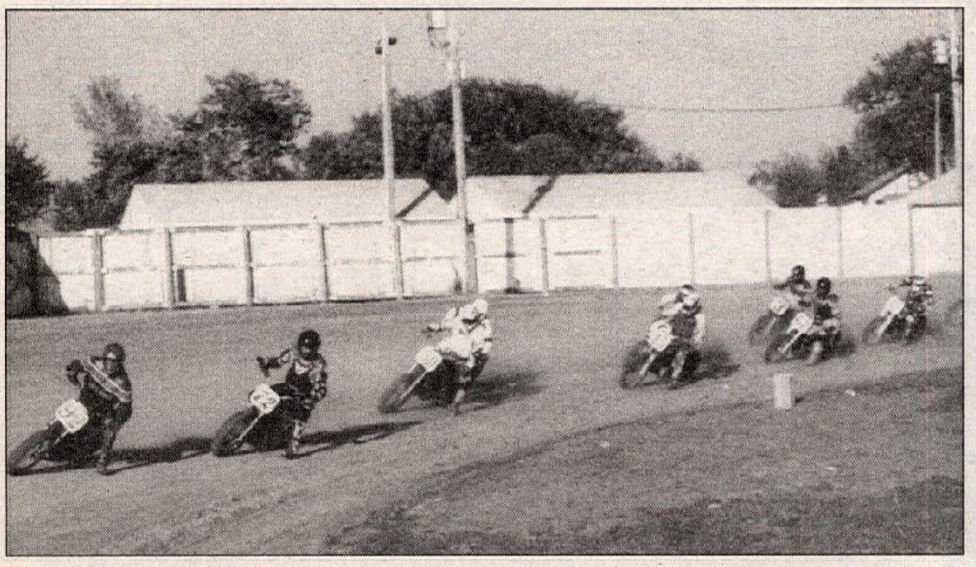
16-24: 1. Jordan Moneymaker; 2. Derek Smith; 3. Heath Ellis; 4. Josh Croley; 5. Aaron Jones.

25+: 1. Mark Garrison; 2. Keith Guiden; 3. Willis Grooms; 4. James Garner; 5. Eddie Proffitt.

30+ A: 1. Mark Garrison; 2. Shane Vaughn; 3. Willis Grooms.

30+ B/C: 1. Darrell Bigham; 2. Kenneth White; 3. Danny Seaton; 4. Mike Garrison; 5. Don Fike.

40+: 1. Darrell Bigham; 2. Kenneth White; 3. Steve Speights; 4. Joey Cartwright; 5. Bobby Capps.



(Above left) Bob Herman (72) slid by Dan Jacobson (92) early for the win in the Vintage Singles race at the New Ulm short track event at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Minnesota.
(Above) Nick Metcalf (19) rounded up wins in the 125cc A and 16-24 classes at the second round of the Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series in Dyersburg.

Brown County Fairgrounds

Mataya masters New Ulm short track

By Tim McBride

NEW ULM, MN, OCT. 3
Trackstar Motorsports' Marty Mataya piloted a bone-stock ATK 605 to victory in two classes at the final District 23 event of the season, hosted by the Flying Dutchmen MC at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Mataya fitted his ATK trail bike with a dirt track rear tire and elected to run the original front tire. The setup was right on the money. Mataya, who's been busy turning wrenches for his sons Jacob and Nicky, hasn't raced all season, but he decided to return to action for the final race weekend of the year.

The action got under way in the Stock Frame (four-stroke) class. Holeshot ace Eric Berg jumped into the lead. Mataya, Rick Anderson, Bob Becker, Steve Doty and the rest of the field gave chase. Berg was on a good run, holding off Mataya's advances. On lap three, Anderson ran into Mataya's back end and almost crashed. Mataya was slowed dramatically, allowing Berg and Becker to pull away. With two laps remaining, Becker made a turn-four pass on Berg to take the lead, but he was unaware of Mataya's comeback charge. Mataya slipped by Berg and reeled in Becker on the last lap to score a win that surprised even himself.

"I didn't have any intention of winning that race," said Mataya afterward.

Doty and Pat Fargen raced to fourth- and fifth-place finishes.

Mataya added the icing to the cake by defeating race favorite Dan Jacobson in the Over 40 class to record his second win of the day. Paul Koch, Bob Herman and Charlie Langland rounded out the top five of the 12-rider field.

The Langland family earned the "triple-threat award." Charlie Langland showed his sons Verdeen and Verlon how it's supposed to be done by winning the Over 50 main event for the second day in a row. Verlon, Charlie's youngest son, followed suit by racing to victory in the 250cc Amateur class. So it was up to Verdeen - Charlie's oldest son, who was involved in a points chase for the Open Pro championship - to keep the ball rolling, and he admitted that the pressure was on. But he came through by winning the 250cc Pro final and completing the Langland triple play.

Verdeen Langland wasn't as fortunate in the Open Pro final, however. He finished fourth, behind race winner Randy Triplett, Dusty Faulds and Saturday's event winner, Billy Hofmeister. Langland's fourth-place finish allowed Triplett to bring closure to a dramatic seasonlong points battle. Triplett won the race and the championship by a single point over Langland.

Results

MINI SHAFT: 1. Andy Olson; 2. Spencer Olson; 3. Conner Anderson; 4. Chris Laubersheiner; 5. Charlotte Morris.
MINI CHAIN: 1. Andy Olson; 2. Conner Anderson; 3. Chris Laubersheiner; 4. Kevin Walter; 5. Shelby Veenker.
60 MINI: 1. Jory Morris; 2. Nick Mataya; 3. Jeremy Anderson; 4. Kevin Anderson; 5. Natasha Waschek.
80: 1. Shawn Burr; 2. Travis Henrichs; 3. Josh Koch; 4. Jacob Mataya; 5. Jory Morris.
125: 1. Shawn Burr; 2. Troy Johnson; 3. Travis Waschek.
NOV: 1. Bob Becker; 2. Doug Sullivan; 3. Josh Koch; 4. Travis Waschek; 5. George Wilson.
250 AM: 1. Verlon Langland; 2. Rick Dougherty; 3. Adam Henrichs; 4. Troy Johnson; 5. Shawn Burr.
250 PRO: 1. Verdeen Langland; 2. Bob Boyd; 3. Dusty Faulds; Chuck Beving.
OPEN AM: 1. Adam Henrichs; 2. Cory Kleven; 3. Verlon Langland; 4. Marty Mataya; 5. Steve Doty.
OPEN PRO: 1. Randy Triplett; 2. Dusty Faulds; 3. Billy Hofmeister; 4. Verdeen Langland; 5. Bob Boyd.
30+: 1. Bob Becker; 2. Mike Ledin; 3. Rick Anderson; 4. Tim McBride; 5. Marty Mataya.
40+: 1. Marty Mataya; 2. Dan Jacobson; 3. Paul Koch; 4. Bob Herman; 5. Charlie Langland.
50+: 1. Charlie Langland; 2. Dave Koch; 3. Lloyd Turner; 4. Dick Veenker.
STK FRM: 1. Marty Mataya; 2. Bob Becker; 3. Eric Berg; 4. Steve Doty; 5. Pat Fargen.
VINT TW: 1. Dan Jacobson.

Brown County Fairgrounds

Herman, Henrichs hammer New Ulm short track

By Tim McBride

NEW ULM, MN, OCT. 2
Bob Herman and Adam Henrichs each scored two class victories during the Flying Dutchman MC's dirt track races held at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Herman's first win came in the Over 40 class. He came out on top of a close, racelong battle with Vintage Twin winner Dan Jacobson. Dave Koch, Marty Mataya and Charlie Langland rounded out the top five of the 14-rider pack.

Herman was soon being chased by Jacobson again, as the Vintage Single class took to the track. Jacobson used a high line in turns three and four to slide by Paul Koch and apply the pressure to Herman, but a meticulously smooth-riding Herman remained unflappable as he raced on to his second win of the day.

When asked about his success, the soft-spoken Herman simply replied, "Everything was working good today."

Everything seemed to be working "good" for Open and 250cc Amateur race winner Adam Henrichs as well. Henrichs has obviously become the most improved rider this season, as the speedy teenager handily raced to the checkers during both events. Henrichs plans to compete in the Pro ranks next year.

First-year Expert Dusty Faulds came all the way from South Dakota to upset Verdeen Langland and Bob Boyd in the 250cc Pro final. Faulds made a name for himself in Sturgis this summer by winning a Pro main event that was filled with a host of national-numbered riders.

"I want to try to get enough exposure to hopefully pick up a ride in the Sportster Performance class for next year," explained Faulds after the New Ulm victory.

In other racing action, Tim Gregory capped a nearly perfect season by winning the Over 30 main event, thus sewing up his seasonlong title chase with second-place finisher Mike Ledin. Second-generation racer Jacob Mataya scored a popular win in the Novice class. Charlotte Morris scored her first win of the season in the Mini Shaft class, and her brother Jory Morris took his customary win in the 60cc Mini main event.

Results

MINI SHAFT: 1. Charlotte Morris; 2. Kevin Walter; 3. Conner Anderson; 4. Danifi Melquist; 5. Kelly Herman.
MINI CHAIN: 1. Jacob Schleicher; 2. Charlotte Morris; 3. Conner Anderson; 4. Kevin Anderson; 5. Kelly Herman.
60 MINI: 1. Jory Morris; 2. Nick Mataya; 3. Jeremy Anderson; 4. Kevin Anderson; 5. Natasha Waschek.
80 MINI: 1. Josh Koch; 2. Jacob Mataya; 3. Travis Henrichs; 4. Travis Waschek; 5. Jeremy Anderson.
125 AM: 1. Shawn Burr; 2. Troy Johnson; 3. Travis Waschek.
NOV: 1. Jacob Mataya; 2. Steve Carlson.
OPEN AM: 1. Adam Henrichs; 2. Richard Waschek; 3. Cory Kleven; 4. Eric Berg; 5. Travis Waschek.
250 AM: 1. Adam Henrichs; 2. Pat Pearle; 3. Shawn Burr; 4. Troy Johnson; 5. Mark Rolf.
250 PRO: 1. Dusty Faulds; 2. Verdeen Langland; 3. Bob Boyd; 4. C.J. Beving.
STK FRM: 1. Richard Waschek; 2. Marty Mataya; 3. Rich Andersen; 4. Bob Becker; 5. Eric Berg.
VINT SGL: 1. Bob Herman; 2. Dan Jacobson; 3. Paul Koch; 4. Bob Becker; 5. Rick Anderson.
VINT TW: 1. Dan Jacobson; 2. Dave Koch; 3. Ron Leeman; 4. Jon Markuson; 5. Bob Becker.
30+: 1. Tim Gregory; 2. Mike Ledin; 3. Marty Mataya; 4. Bob Becker; 5. Rick Anderson.
40+: 1. Bob Herman; 2. Dan Jacobson; 3. Dave Koch; 4. Marty Mataya; 5. Charlie Langland.
50+: 1. Charlie Langland; 2. Lloyd Turner; 3. Dave Koch; 4. Gaylord Ladwig.

Dyer County Fairgrounds

Metcalf meets Moneymaker

By Chris Grissom

DYERSBURG, TN, SEPT. 11
Round two of the Motorcycle Stuff Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series, sponsored by Castrol, was held in Dyersburg, Tennessee, at the Dyer County Fair, and it was the site of a showdown between St. Louis Powersports' Suzuki-mounted Nick Metcalf and Team Green Mid-South Motoplex's Jordan Moneymaker, who squared off against each other in the 16-24 and 250cc A classes. In the end, each rider came away with a win apiece, and Metcalf also took the 125cc A-class victory.

The action started in the 250cc A class with Moneymaker taking the holeshot and Metcalf in tow. After following the leader and looking for a way around, Metcalf made a move in the hairpin, but he couldn't make it stick and instead had a get-off in the ensuing whoop section. He remounted and charged back up to Moneymaker but ran out of time before he could make another attempt at challenging the mastery of Moneymaker on the small, slick track.

They met for a rematch in the 16-24 class. Metcalf set the pace this time, with Moneymaker hot on his heels. The duo flowed through the field, lapping almost everyone on the track. Metcalf took the checkers, followed by Moneymaker.

There was plenty of other race action as well. Suzuki of Paris rider Kenny Dale Orr captured both the 85cc Senior and Supermini classes for the second week in a row. Greg Lovins and Ben Crittendon took second and third in both classes.

The Vet class featured another Suzuki sweep, with Darrell Bigham taking the Over 40 and Over 30 B/C victories for the second week in a row as well. Mark Garrison won the Over 30 A class and was the runner-up in the Over 25 class. World of Yamaha's Ronnie Ford kept the Suzukis at bay for the Over 25 win, backing it up with a runner-up showing in the 125cc A class.

Jamaal Bond again swept both the 125cc and 250cc B classes. Josh Burress tried for a double win in the 125cc and 250cc C classes, but he was denied by Greg Hammond in the 125cc C contest.

Results

50: 1. Preston Seratt; 2. Allen Brady; 3. Luke Hobson; 4. Logan Pollard; 5. Drew Seratt.
65: 1. Brady Orr; 2. Preston Seratt; 3. Douglas Hall; 4. Nick Jackson; 5. Kyle Dortch.
85 JR: 1. Matt Kuykendall; 2. Austin Wells; 3. Cody Biggart; 4. Brandon Burrow; 5. Douglas Hall.
85 SR: 1. Kenny Dale Orr; 2. Greg Lovins; 3. Ben Crittendon; 4. Steve Kissiar; 5. Chase Gamble.
S/MINI: 1. Kenny Dale Orr; 2. Greg Lovins; 3. Ben Crittendon; 4. Chase Gamble; 5. Brandon Burrow.
SCHBY: 1. Eric Klinkhammer; 2. Clint Burkeen; 3. Damon Prince; 4. Casey Johnson; 5. Shane Kissiar.
125 BEG: 1. Jason Hornsby; 2. Chad Morgan; 3. Mike Pollard; 4. John Biggart; 5. Ryan Lax.
125 A: 1. Nick Metcalf; 2. Ronnie Ford; 3. Darrell Blankenship; 4. Derek Smith; 5. Damon Prince.
125 B: 1. Jamaal Bond; 2. Chris Burkeen; 3. Clint Burkeen; 4. Shane Kissiar; 5. Aaron Jones.
125 C: 1. Greg Hammond; 2. Josh Burress; 3. Tommy Hood; 4. Josh Croley; 5. Travis Freeman.
250 BEG: 1. Kevin Patterson; 2. Stephen Pope; 3. Ben Thomas; 4. Charles Hendrix; 5. Andy Danner.
250 A: 1. Jordan Moneymaker; 2. Nick Metcalf; 3. Pooh Bear Guiden; 4. Darrell Blankenship; 5. Keith Guiden.
250 B: 1. Jamaal Bond; 2. Chris Blankenship; 3. Russ Blankenship; 4. Aaron Mudd; 5. James Garner.
250 C: 1. Josh Burress; 2. Heath Ellis; 3. Tony Travis; 4. Chris Westphal; 5. Tony Singleton.
WMN: 1. Melissa Bailey; 2. Sherry Crittendon.
16-24: 1. Nick Metcalf; 2. Jordan Moneymaker; 3. Derek Smith; 4. Chris Burkeen; 5. Aaron Jones.
25+: 1. Ronnie Ford; 2. Mark Garrison; 3. Keith Guiden; 4. Chris Blankenship; 5. Shane Vaughn.
30+ A: 1. Mark Garrison; 2. Shane Vaughn.
30+ B/C: 1. Darrell Bigham; 2. Kenneth White; 3. Mike Garrison; 4. Mike Fortner; 5. Don Fike.
40+: 1. Darrell Bigham; 2. Kenneth White; 3. Pat Frieburger.

Washougal Motocross Park

Metzler treads to Washougal wins

By Pat Dougherty

WASHOUGAL, WA, SEPT. 26
Gaston, Oregon's Ryan Metzler sailed his Suzukis into the lead of all four motos he entered, and won them, during DeMarini Day at the Washougal Motocross Park. On a cool autumn day, riders enjoyed the best track conditions in more than two months. DeMarini sponsored the race, giving away a bunch of their quality handlebars and adding an extra $500 to the Pro purse.

Three riders stepped up into the Pro classes for the very first time.

Mike Scheel from Camas, Washington, raced his Yamaha against another first-time Pro, Mike Storm from Beaverton, Oregon, riding his SMP Kawasaki. These two traded 125cc Pro moto wins to take home equal amounts of cash, since they were paid per moto. Scheel got the overall win due to his second-moto victory.

In the 250cc Pro class, Battleground, Washington's Travis Murphy threw his Pro Caliber Suzuki into the Pro ring for the first time, but he was trounced in both motos by Jack in the Box/Factory Connection-sponsored Honda rider Don Bisceglia, of Tualatin, Oregon. Even a second-moto holeshot by Murphy couldn't keep Bisceglia from taking the lead. Third went to Salem, Oregon, Kawasaki rider Larry Jones.

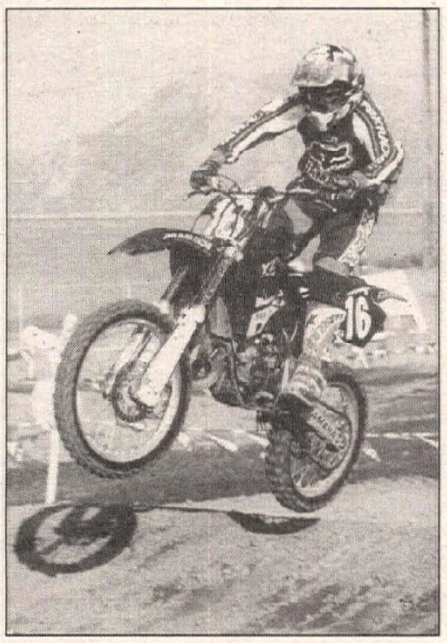
The advancement of these riders into the Pro ranks opened things up in the Intermediate classes, in which Metzler was unstoppable. Kelso, Washington's Tyson Lindemen, aboard a Kawasaki, bagged the first holeshot in the 125cc B class, ahead of Naselle, Washington's Todd Blanchard, also on a Kawasaki, and Suzuki rider Mike Smith of Vancouver, Washington. Metzler went right for the lead. Smith made up ground in the tough whoop section to finish the first moto in second.

Metzler put a second-moto holeshot to good use and checked out and won going away. Smith soldiered on for second, and young up-and-comer Ryan Abrigo from Everett, Washington, rode his Kawasaki to third after some impressive charges and one radical slide-out.

Metzler was equally impressive in the 250cc Intermediate motos. He was also one of the few riders successfully making time by tripling into the Hillsboro Hoops and doubling out.

Results

50 (4-6) OIL-INJ: 1. Marshall Coleman (Yam).
50 (4-6) STK: 1. Nick Gubser (KTM); 2. Evan Nystrom (Cob); 3. Cody Raynor (KTM).
50 (7-8) STK: 1. Gared Steinke (KTM); 2. Ryan Nystrom (Yam); 3. Forrest Kopta (KTM); 4. Chris Meeker (KTM).
60 (7-8): 1. Jacob Kannada (Kaw); 2. Danny Gubser (Kaw); 3. Alec Watts (Kaw); 4. Gared Steinke (KTM); 5. Ryan Nystrom (Kaw).
60 (9-11): 1. Ryan Villopoto (Kaw); 2. Sean Fitzgerald (Kaw); 3. Sean Ekerson (Kaw); 4. Zachary Chapman (Kaw); 5. Larry Haws (Kaw).
80 (12-13): 1. Kenny Webster (Kaw).
80 (14-15): 1. Tyler Fick (Kaw); 2. Eddie Payne (Kaw).
80 (7-11): 1. Justin Keeney (Hon); 2. Ryan Villopoto (Yam); 3. Shon Wilson (Yam); 4. Kory Huffman (Kaw); 5. James Gannon (Hon).
80 D: 1. Eric Turner (Yam); 2. Jason Laudermilk (Kaw); 3. Josh Webb (Kaw); 4. Michael Biddle (Kaw); 5. Erik Rhine (Hon).
S/MINI (12-15): 1. Tyler Fick (Kaw); 2. Kenny Webster (Kaw); 3. Matt Rambo (Yam); 4. Eddie Payne (Kaw).
S/MINI (9-11): 1. Justin Keeney (Hon); 2. Shon Wilson (Yam); 3. Kory Huffman (Kaw).
WMN 12+: 1. Mary Altergott (Yam).
125 A: 1. Michael Scheel (Yam); 2. Mike Storm (Kaw).
125 B: 1. Ryan Metzler (Suz); 2. Michael Smith (Suz); 3. Todd Blanchard (Kaw); 4. Tyson Lindeman (Kaw); 5. Jody Deitz (Kaw).
125 C: 1. Bryan Thiebedeau (Kaw); 2. Richard Sipp (Yam); 3. Shawn Gilbert (Yam); 4. Brandon Sinden (Kaw); 5. Isaac Gustafson (Yam).
125 D: 1. Eric Turner (Yam); 2. Winston Cook (Suz); 3. Matt Nichols (Yam); 4. Jason Fitzgerald (Kaw); 5. Shane Austin (Kaw).
25+ A/B: 1. Jay Jackson (Kaw); 2. Jeff Rands (Kaw); 3. Renaud Legac (Hon); 4. Chris Stokes (Suz); 5. Aric Cool (Hon).
25+ C: 1. Matthew Burrell (Hon); 2. Mike Cosgrove (Kaw); 3. Giles Rebholz (Kaw); 4. Stephen Beattie (Yam); 5. Jon Harrison (Hon).
250 A: 1. Don Bisceglia (Hon); 2. Travis Murphy (Suz); 3. Larry Jones (Kaw); 4. Chris Stokes (Suz).
250 B: 1. Ryan Metzler (Suz); 2. Nick Foister (Yam); 3. Jason Parks (Kaw); 4. Tye Crandall (Suz); 5. Scott Watson (Yam).



Brian Burns blazed to his first-ever 125cc Beginner-class overall victory, at Starwest Cycle Park in Moreno Valley, California.

250 C: 1. Steve Miller (Suz); 2. Stephen Beattie (Yam); 3. Larry Smith (Hon); 4. Chip Chapman (Suz); 5. Boe Teasdale (Yam).

250 D: 1. Brittan Burlingame (Yam); 2. Ryan Bigbee (Hon); 3. John Moerke (Yam); 4. Michael Hoover (Kaw); 5. Eric Turk (Kaw).

30+ A: 1. Don Bisceglia (Hon); 2. Jay Jackson (Kaw); 3. Jeff Huber (Kaw).

30+ B: 1. Jason Rawlins (Kaw); 2. Keith Cayton (Kaw); 3. David Schmid (Suz); 4. Larry Smith (Hon); 5. James Miller (Hon).

30+ C: 1. Jon Harrison (Hon); 2. Joshua Kean (Hon); 3. Alex Schon (Yam); 4. Mike Ginter (KTM); 5. Kenneth More (KTM).

40 A: 1. Greg Nelson (Kaw); 2. Greg Rodgers (Hon); 3. Gary Roe (KTM); 4. Dave Eakin (Hon); 5. Tim Sullivan (Hbg).

40+ B: 1. Boe Teasdale (Yam); 2. Mike Schwerzler (Kaw); 3. Jim Parks (Yam); 4. David Ekerson (Hon); 5. Gary Bonds (KTM).

40+ C: 1. Jeff Nelson (Kaw); 2. George Sullivan (KTM); 3. Donald Ewing (Kaw); 4. Dan Alessio (Kaw); 5. Charles McBride (KTM).

BTH: 1. Rory Sullivan (KTM); 2. Michael Smith (Suz); 3. Steve Miller (Suz); 4. Tye Crandall (Suz); 5. Jody Deitz (Kaw).

OPEN B/C: 1. Nick Foister (Yam); 2. Todd Hinders (Kaw); 3. James Miller (Hon); 4. Steven Burton (Yam); 5. Mike Ginter (KTM).

OPEN D: 1. Mike Hanson (Yam); 2. Mark Moore (Hon).

Starwest Cycle Park

Burns on fire

By Tony Alessi

MORENO VALLEY, CA, SEPT. 25

Brian Burns scored his first-ever 125cc Beginner-class win at Starwest after a close race with Brandon Prahm during Saturday night motocross.

Burns and Prahm had a motolong battle from the drop of the gate to the finish during the first 125cc Beginner-class race. Burns seemed faster on the straights, while Prahm powered through the turns with more authority, but in the end Burns held on and scored the first-moto victory by the closest of margins.

The second moto began much like the first, but this time Burns and his John Burr Cycles-sponsored Yamaha had an easier go of it after Prahm fell a few times. Burns quickly outdistanced the field for what appeared to be an easy victory and celebrated his overall win by thrusting his hand in the air at the finish line. Matt Ramsey from nearby Nuevo picked up the runner-up honors in the wake of Prahm's problems. Prahm salvaged third overall via his 2-5 showing.

Chris Taft had an exciting night, scoring a pair of moto victories in the 60cc 0-8 division. The youngest Taft even fell hard once after losing control of his KX just after the Gravity Cavity section. But in the end, Taft shook it off and went on for the night's number-one spot on his Race Plates Unlimited-backed Kawasaki.

Results

Small Track

50 (4-6) STRTR: 1. Brooke Bohannon (Cob); 2. Tiffany Neville (Lem); 3. Kaleb Palmbach (KTM).

50 STK BEG (4-6): 1. Caden Probst (KTM); 2. Daniel Overton (KTM); 3. Andy Mulgrew (KTM); 4. Cole Young (Lem); 5. Shane McNabb (KTM).

50 STK BEG (7-8): 1. Brent Bohannon (Cob); 2. Bryan Briley (Cob); 3. Paul Pilzonka (KTM); 4. Cody Young (Cob).

50 STK B (0-8): 1. R.J. Hoch (KTM); 2. Brandon Porras (Lem); 3. Kevin Smyj (KTM). •

50 MOD (4-6): 1. Andy Mulgrew (KTM).

50 MOD (7-8): 1. Brent Bohannon (Cob); 2. Bryan Briley (Cob).

50 MOD (0-8): 1. R.J. Hoch (KTM); 2. Kevin Smyj (KTM).

Main Track

50 STK: 1. David Falcon (KTM); 2. Brandon Porras (Lem); 3. Bryan Bailey (Cob); 4. Kevin Smyj (KTM).

50 S/P/W: 1. R.J. Hoch (KTM).

60 (6-8): 1. Christopher Taft (Kaw); 2. David Falcon (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Jacob Samuel (Kaw); 2. Harry Thompson (Kaw).

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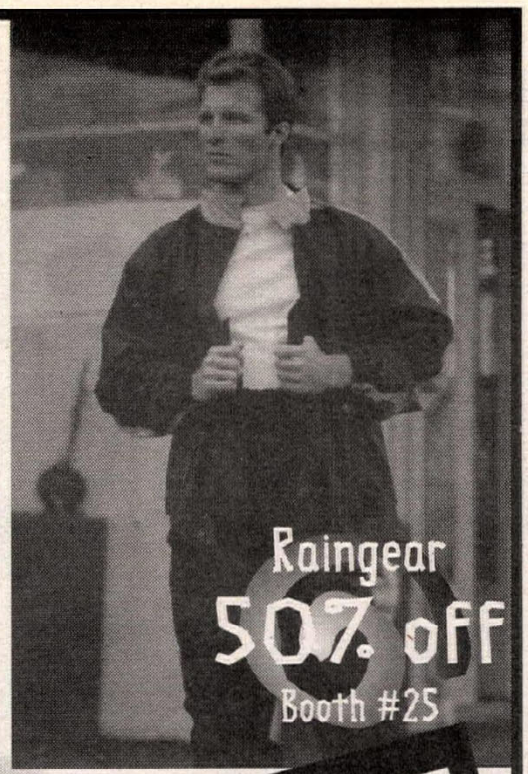

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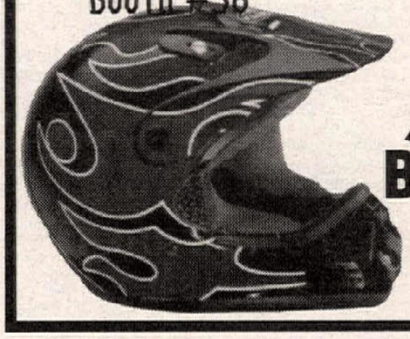

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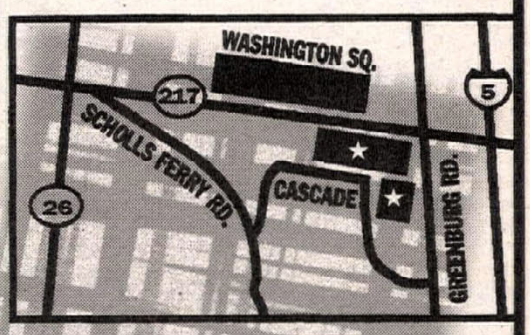

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Aaron Day (602) leads eventual overall winner Joe Schueler (562) and runner-up Kevin Brodsky (727) in the second 125cc A moto at round 12 of the District 7 MX Series in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Day finished fourth overall.

80 BEG (0-11): 1. Austin Prescott (Suz); 2. Justin Palmbach (Suz).

80 (0-11): 1. Mike Alessi (Yam); 2. Mark Atkins (Kaw).

80 BEG (12-16): 1. Marcus Enriquez (Hon); 2. Ricky Oliver (Yam); 3. Elizabeth Bash (Yam); 4. Skylar Falcon (Hon); 5. Crystal Verniev (Suz).

80 (14-16): 1. Richie Casiano (Kaw); 2. Derek Yosten (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Brian Burns (Yam); 2. Matt Ramsey (Yam); 3. Brandon Prahm (Hon); 4. Eric Connell (Kaw); 5. Earnie Norre (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Ryan Bromage (Yam); 2. Jeff McClure (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Tommy Severance (Hon).

Happy Ramblers MX Park

Brodsky, Schueler the rulers

By Jerry Athey

HANOVER, PA, SEPT. 26

Kevin Brodsky and Joe Schueler traded overall wins in the 125cc A and 250cc A classes at round 12 of the District 7 MX Series. Brodsky piloted his Ray Wilt/Pro Circuit/Smith-backed Yamaha to a perfect 1-1 ride in the 250cc A class to take the win over Schueler's 2-2 score. Schueler, aboard a Diamond Motorsports/ FMF/Maier-sponsored Yamaha, then battled back to take the 125cc A-class overall with a consistent 2-2 score, topping Brodsky's 1-3 ride.

Brodsky blasted to the 250cc A-class holeshot, followed by Schueler and Team Green Kawasaki/Pro Circuit's Aaron Day. Current series points leader Jeff Grove, one of the favorites going into the race, went down in the first turn and remounted well behind the pack. (Despite a strong charge early in the moto, Grove finished the race a lap down after another crash slowed his progress.) Taking immediate advantage of the clear track before him, Brodsky pulled out to an approximate four-second lead, while Day moved aggressively past Schueler for second. Samuel Forrester was fourth, followed closely by Chris Schueler.

While Brodsky sailed effortlessly out front, attention shifted to the intense battles behind him between Day and Joe Schueler for second and Forrester and Chris Schueler for fourth. Brodsky flew to the uncontested win, followed by Joe Schueler, who took the measure of Day with just a few laps to go. Chris Schueler charged in for fourth, followed by Forrester, who hung tough for fifth.

Brodsky again took the holeshot in moto two, followed by the brothers Schueler, Kawasaki-mounted Chris Brown and Grove. Once again utilizing the clear track to his advantage, Brodsky pulled out to a solid lead, while the Schueler brothers engaged in a fierce display of sibling rivalry for second. Just before the halfway point, Brown fell victim to a freshly watered portion of the track and went down, surrendering fourth to the hard-charging Grove. Brodsky blitzed the checkers to finish out a perfect ride, followed by Joe Schueler in second. Chris Schueler finished third, despite falling and having to quickly remount on the final lap. Grove salvaged points for the day by finishing fourth, followed by Forrester, who matched his first-moto finish of fifth.

Joe Schueler fought back to take the overall win in the 125cc A class with a consistent 2-2 score. Brodsky, who went 1-3, finished second overall, followed by Forrester, whose strong 3-5 rides earned third overall. Fourth overall went to Day, who raced back to take the second-moto win after finishing ninth in the first go-around. Joseph Robertson rounded out the top five with his 7-6 ride.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Garret Toth (Cob); 2. Anthony Jones (Cob); 3. Jacob Grove (Cob); 4. Brandon Siebold (Cob); 5. Michael Clark (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Kyle Werner (Cob); 2. Joshua Ford (Cob); 3. Joseph Massicot (Cob).

60 (7-9): 1. Sean Hackley Jr. (Kaw); 2. A.J. Kuschatka (KTM); 3. William Duffy Jr. (KTM); 4. Daniel Rucker (KTM); 5. Jeffrey Valonis (KTM).

60 (10-11): 1. Willy Toth Jr. (Kaw); 2. Michael Groves (KTM).

80 (7-11): 1. Willy Toth Jr. (Kaw); 2. Sean Hackley Jr. (Kaw); 3. A.J. Kuschatka (Suz); 4. William Duffy Jr. (KTM); 5. Curk Smart (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Michael Foor (Hon); 2. Chad Smart (Kaw); 3. Dan Scilipote (Yam); 4. Robert Kenske (Yam); 5. Andrew Wiegand (Kaw).

80 (14-15): 1. Derrick Forrester (Kaw); 2. Shane Krabal (Yam); 3. Vincent Jenkins (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Dan Scilipote (Yam); 2. Andrew Wiegand (Kaw); 3. Michael Foor (Hon); 4. Bradley Lowe (Kaw); 5. Travis Martin (Kaw).

SCHBY: 1. Nick Sessa (Kaw); 2. Derrick Forrester (Kaw); 3. Sean Reed (Kaw); 4. Zachary Hill (Hon); 5. Derek Christensen (Yam).

CLGBY: 1. Joseph Robertson (Suz); 2. Timothy Dabbs (Suz); 3. Mike Brown (Hon); 4. Robert Reed (Kaw); 5. Jarrett Rhoades (Hon).

125 A: 1. Joseph Schueler (Yam); 2. Kevin Brodsky Jr. (Yam); 3. Samuel Forrester (Kaw); 4. Aaron Day (Kaw); 5. Joseph Robertson (Suz).

125 B: 1. Sean Reed (Kaw); 2. Andrew Snyder (Hon); 3. Zachary Hill (Hon); 4. Michael Washburn (Kaw); 5. Lanny Kemble (Hon).

125 C: 1. Jeremy Coons (Yam); 2. Matthew Schueler (Hon); 3. Dustin Higdon (Yam); 4. Darrell Coccagna Jr. (Kaw); 5. Daniel Eichelberger (Hon).

250 A: 1. Kevin Brodsky Jr. (Yam); 2. Joseph Schueler (Yam); 3. Chris Schueler (Yam); 4. Samuel Forrester (Kaw); 5. Michael Hall (Hon).

250 C D-1: 1. David Dixon (Suz); 2. Lonnie Krout (Suz); 3. Joseph Thomas (KTM); 4. Duane Fisher (Suz); 5. David Thompson (Hon).

250 C D-2: 1. Phillip Wiegand (Kaw); 2. Joe Ciurea (Hon); 3. Eric Beher (Hon); 4. David Haught (Kaw); 5. Chris Scott (Hon).

OPEN A: 1. Brian Sullivan (Suz); 2. John Huston Jr. (Yam); 3. Mark Ensor (Yam); 4. Carl Lewis Jr. (Hon); 5. Bobby Schueler (Yam).

OPEN B: 1. Robert Reatherford (Kaw); 2. Todd Snyder (Yam); 3. James Travis (Yam); 4. Shane Moyerman (Kaw); 5. Gerald Athey Jr. (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Jeffrey Grove (Suz); 2. Brian Sullivan (Suz); 3. Michael Hall (Hon); 4. Bryan Miner (Hon); 5. Michael Crocker (Kaw).

25+ B: 1. Robert Reatherford (Kaw); 2. Jim Hilty (Yam); 3. Leonard Groves (Yam); 4. Keith Jansen (Yam); 5. Kirk Riley (Hon).

VET A: 1. Jeffrey Grove (Suz); 2. Pat McCormick (Suz); 3. Michael Crocker (Kaw); 4. Bryan Miner (Hon); 5. Joseph Turner (Kaw).

VET B: 1. Bert Schulties (Yam); 2. Jeff Smith (Kaw); 3. Jim Hilty (Yam); 4. Randy Mann (Hon); 5. David Resch (Kaw).

VET C: 1. Russell Sandlin (Yam); 2. Rob Whittington (Suz); 3. David Dixon (Suz); 4. Jeffrey Wroten (Hon); 5. Kenneth Ashley (Kaw).

SR: 1. Edward Childs (Yam); 2. John Kirk (Hon); 3. Douglas Wentzell (Yam); 4. Tim Titcomb (Yam); 5. William Speleos (Yam).

4-STRK: 1. Chris Schueler (Yam); 2. Bobby Schueler (Yam); 3. John Huston Jr. (Yam); 4. Douglas Wentzell (Yam); 5. Jason Pickett (Yam).

Nevada State Championship Off-Road Race

Esposito first Nevada State Champion

By Jo Jo Racer

TONOPAH, NV, SEPT. 19

Team Green/Pro Circuit/Reno Motor Sports' Shane Esposito took the overall win at the inaugural Nevada State Championship off-road race. The Motorcycle Racing Association of Northern Nevada (MRANN) and MRAN South joined together to sanction the first true state championship off-road race in Nevada. This event drew some of the best desert racers in the country to Tonopah, a small town midway between Las Vegas and Reno.

Starting position was important, and with the Open bikes starting first, the rest of the field was fighting the thick dust. Off the start, Esposito grabbed the holeshot, while Ryan Johnson, Matt Gosnell, Aron Huntington and Scott Morris battled for position. Dave Hamel was playing catch-up after he stalled in the first corner.

The 100-mile hare scrambles consisted of two 50-mile loops, with pits after 25 miles. At the end of the first 25 miles, Esposito had a commanding lead on the rest of the Open class. The 250cc class, however, was closing in. Dave Pearson and Dennis Belingheri had worked their way up until they were only seconds behind the leader on time. Esposito continued to lead with a comfortable minute over Pearson. Huntington had trouble in the pits, which allowed Johnson, Rob Zimmerman and Morris to get by. Glen Taylor was battling with Southern racer Chris Peplowski in the Over 30 class, while Robert Marshall was dominating the 125cc Experts. The first Amateur, Kenny Couturior, was already in the top 20, first 250cc Amateur. Fourteen-year-old Bobby Garrison was leading the Novice class; he had already won the 80cc class earlier that morning.

As the checkered flag flew, Esposito won the first-ever Nevada State Championship. Pearson, a minute behind, took second overall, first 250cc Expert. Third overall went to Johnson, with Zimmerman running a close fourth. Marshall took the 125cc Expert win and 12th overall. In the race of the day, Taylor topped Peplowski by 18 seconds to take the Over 30-class win. Gil Grieves won the Over 38 class, while Couturior and Garrison continued their dominance of the Amateur and Novice classes, respectively. Once the points were tallied up, the North defeated the South, 314 to 260.

Earlier in the day, the Pee Wee class was led by Justin Wallis from start to finish. Zach Fields showed everyone who was the best 60cc rider, and Bobby Garrison took the 80cc race.

Results

OPEN EX: 1. Shane Esposito (Kaw); 2. Ryan Johnson (Yam); 3. Rob Zimmerman (Hbg); 4. Scott Morris (Kaw); 5. Chris Barker (Yam).

125 EX: 1. Robert Marshall (KTM); 2. Travis Sluder (Hus); 3. Nate Pearson (Hus); 4. Carl Maasberg (Kaw); 5. Kelyon Walch (Hus).

250 EX: 1. David Pearson (KTM); 2. Danny Linnel (Yam); 3. Trent Sandoval (Kaw); 4. Nick Sanford (Yam); 5. Steve Tichenor (Suz).

4-STRK EX: 1. Jason Robinson (Yam); 2. Rich Barker (Yam); 3. Emitt Taylor (Yam); 4. Tim Barnes (Yam).

30+ EX: 1. Glenn Taylor (KTM); 2. Chris Peplowsli (Hon); 3. Cory Ayers (Hon); 4. David Wilson (Hus); 5. Richard Hersh (Hon).

38+ EX: 1. Gil Grieves (Hon); 2. Brent Marshall (KTM); 3. Billy Stapp (KTM); 4. John Didier (Hon); 5. Mark Dowers (KTM).

50+ EX: 1. Rodger Mercer (KTM); 2. George Walker (Kaw).

OPEN AM: 1. Sean Hollingsworth (Hon); 2. Kevin Powers (Kaw); 3. Shawn Smith (KTM); 4. Shannon Switzer (Kaw).

125 AM: 1. Adam Toia (Yam).

250 AM: 1. Kenny Couturior (Kaw); 2. Kevin Wilson (Kaw); 3. Luke Baca (Suz); 4. Dana Losey (Hon); 5. Randy Batt (Kaw).

4-STRK AM: 1. Pat Bonse (Hon); 2. Greg Ashley (Yam); 3. Russ Whitney (Hbg); 4. Justin Kinzie (Hus).

30+ AM: 1. Daren Ruddy (Yam); 2. Todd Mohr (Yam); 3. Don Tussings (KTM); 4. Mike Kinkle (Yam); 5. Tim Crain (KTM).

38+ AM: 1. John Morros (Kaw); 2. Glenn Myers (KTM); 3. Scott Cunningham (KTM).

50+ AM: 1. Gary Landaburu (Kaw); 2. Steve Campbell (Kaw); 3. Jim Ports (KTM); 4. Tom Gardner (Yam).

OPEN NOV: 1. Adam Thissen (Hon); 2. Alan Cameron (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. Bobby Garrison (Hon); 2. Rich Mendoza (Hus).

250 NOV: 1. John Wilson (Hon); 2. Mike Payne (Kaw); 3. David Mayer (Yam); 4. Lance Praes (KTM); 5. Tim Murphy (Kaw).

4-STRK NOV: 1. Larry Ogden (Hon); Titan McKibben (Hon); 3. Scott Brunner (Yam); 4. Mike Leigh (Hus); 5. Mark Elicegui (Hon).

30+ NOV: 1. Kurt Fritz (KTM); 2. Derek Zorne (KTM); 3. Bill Davis (Kaw); 4. Steve Pankas (Yam).

38+ NOV: 1. Mark Brazil (Hon); 2. Van Fenner (Hon); 3. Verlon Watson (KTM); 4. Harvey Soule (Yam).

50+ NOV: 1. Tharon Webb (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Michelle Danson (Hon).

80 EX: 1. Bobby Garrison (Yam); 2. Michael Williams (Suz); 3. Cooper Munson (Hon); 4. Travis Pearson (Suz); 5. Kyle Kischer (Hon).

60 EX: 1. Zach Fields (KTM); 2. Cory Ayers (Kaw); 3. Cody Wallis (KTM).

80 AM: 1. Zachary Gosnell (Kaw); 2. Eric Hatch (Hon); 3. Jesse Canepa (Kaw); 4. Tony Weatherman (Hon); 5. Ben Tallenco (Yam).

60 AM: 1. Ryan Toomey (Kaw); 2. Joshua Morros (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Ryan Eager (Kaw); 2. Reese Rigsby (Kaw); 3. Dave Hamel (Yam); 4. Glenn Christensen (Suz); 5. Michael Camelison (Hon).

60 NOV: 1. R.J. Kemple (Kaw); 2. Curtis Bradley (KTM); 3. Chris Walton (Kaw); 4. J.J. Brown (Kaw); 5. Clint Bradley (Kaw).

P/W: 1. Justin Wallis (KTM); 2. Pierce Wirthlin (Act); 3. Jeremy Purvines (KTM); 4. J.J. Brown (KTM); 5. Robert Campbell (KTM).

Lodi Cycle Bowl

Geilfus glides at Lodi ST & TT

By Mike Law

LODI, CA, SEPT. 25

Vintage 250cc rider Chris Geilfus of American Canyon clearly aced one of the best rides of his career as he bested a whole horde of Bultacos on the short track, and all but one 500cc bike, in a come-from-behind win in a combined 250cc and 500cc Vintage main event. Geilfus blasted off the line midpack and then methodically picked off riders before passing the last 250cc rider and settling in behind leader Steve Hall on his flying TT500.

"One more lap and the 250 would have beat the 500," said a jubilant Chris Geilfus after his 250cc Vintage win. "This bike is basically a 250MX Harley-Davidson two-stroke set up in a Champion frame. I thought that I might get ahead of the leader (Steve Hall), but I just ran out of time."

Ralph Lee, on a 650 Triumph, pulled off the surprise holeshot of the night and nearly scored an upset in the Vintage Twin class. Yamaha 750 riders Roger Hamilton and Jon Eichelbaugh were left scratching their helmets at the starting line as Lee strutted into the lead. With two laps in the books, Eichelbaugh discovered mechanical gremlins, and he was sent to the showers for the night. Hamilton tucked in low and chased Lee, anticipating a mistake. Lee rode smoothly for the next two laps and then hesitated momentarily in the south turn, much to Hamilton's delight. Hamilton pounced and moved into first, and then extended his lead all the way to the checkered flag.

"I knew that if I made one mistake, he (Hamilton) would be there and it would be all he would need," said Lee. "I did, and he was. It was a good race and I have no regrets, as Roger is a great competitor."

"It's always fun racing those guys," Hamilton said of Lee and Eichelbaugh. "I just waited for the door to open, and when it did, I took full advantage."

Jesse Sanchez, Mark Corsetti and Danny Casey launched their big-bore singles into the first turn of the Open A main in that order. Corsetti immediately and aggressively glued his Wood-Rotax to Sanchez's rear fender, while fourth-placed rider Rob Damron duplicated the same move on Casey, several bike lengths back. For five laps, Corsetti showed no mercy, refusing to share the real estate with Sanchez, passing him in a gutsy move and then opening up an impressive lead. While Corsetti pulled away, Damron cranked up the wick and, two laps later, he dropped both Casey and Sanchez into third and fourth, and chased the leader. With eight laps remaining, both Corsetti and Damron pulled away from the pack. Corsetti cruised into the winner's circle by a margin of well over 15 bike lengths.

"Hey, what can I say - I had to ride my butt off to beat the number-one guy (Damron) in the district," Corsetti said. "My goal for the season was to get the number-one plate, but it looks like Rob D. has that pretty much wrapped up, so I'm going to just keep plugging away and win as many of the remaining races as I can."

Results

Short Track

P/W STK A: 1. Ryan Law (Yam); 2. Kyle Anselmi (Yam); 3. Danielle Caldeira (Yam); 4. Chad Cose (Yam); 5. Bobby Caldeira (Yam).

P/W STK C: 1. Jeff Hodges (Suz); 2. Jamie Pahel (Yam); 3. Coleton Galinski (Yam); 4. Bryant Calzado (Suz); 5. James Williams (Yam).

P/W MOD: 1. David Sharkey (Cob); 2. Danielle Caldeira (Yam); 3. Chad Cose (HM).

60 A: 1. Sean Jones (Kaw).

60 B: 1. Cody Anselmi (Kaw); 2. Lauren Wallace (Kaw).

60 C: 1. Rebecca Law (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Nick Moore (Yam); 2. Stewart Barber (Hon); 3. Frankie Lane (Suz); 4. Bobby Fong (Kaw).

80 B: 1. Steve Bonsey (Kaw); 2. Chris Borjas (Yam).

250 A/B: 1. Casey Yarrow (Yam); 2. Jason Grewe (Suz).

250 C: 1. Robert Norris (Yam).

250 VINT: 1. Chris Geilfus (H-D); 2. Steven Scott (Hon); 3. William McDonnell (Yam); 4. Jeff Corankoff (Bul).

VINT: 1. Steve Hall (Yam); 2. Ted Jaime (Yam); 3. Dan Casamajor (Bul).

VINT 40+: 1. Roger Hamilton (Yam); 2. Ralph Lee (Tri); 3. Jon Eichelbaugh (Yam).

VET: 1. Robert McCarty (Rtx); 2. Scott Jacques (Hon); 3. Bert Bernades (Rtx).

OPEN A: 1. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 2. Rob Damron (Rtx); 3. Jesse Sanchez (Rtx); 4. Kevin Bricker (W-R); 5. Danny Casey (Rtx).

OPEN B: 1. Brandon Carnahan (Hon); 2. Jason Paoli (Hon); 3. Harlund Johnson (KTM); 4. Derrick Ohls (Yam).

OPEN C: 1. Jeremy Hannah (Hon); 2. Bert Bernades (Rtx); 3. Gary King (Rtx); 4. Scott Jacques (Hon); 5. Franko Hannah (Hon).

PRO SPT: 1. Danny Casey (Rtx); 2. Jeff Gabhart (CCM); 3. Billy Hiles (W-R); 4. Paul Sanburn (Rtx); 5. Mickey Lane (Rtx).

PRO EX: 1. Billy Martin (Rtx); 2. Jimmy Sanchez (Hbg).

TT

P/W STK A: 1. Chad Cose (Yam); 2. Ryan Law (Yam); 3. Kyle Anselmi (Yam); 4. Danielle Caldeira (Yam); 5. Bobby Caldeira (Yam).

P/W STK C: 1. Jeff Hodges (Suz); 2. Coleton Galinski (Yam); 3. Bryant Calzado (Suz).

60 A: 1. Sean Jones (Kaw).

60 B: 1. Lauren Wallace (Kaw); 2. Cody Anselmi (Kaw).

60 C: 1. Rebecca Law (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Nick Moore (Yam); 2. Stewart Barber (Hon); 3. Joe Hernandez (Yam).

80 B: 1. Steve Bonsey (Kaw); 2. Chris Borjas (Hon).

250 A: 1. Danny Casey (Yam); 2. Corey Eaton (Hon).

250 B: 1. Casey Yarrow (Yam); 2. Freddy Poli (Hon).

VINT: 1. Steve Hall (Yam); 2. William McDonnell (Hon).

OPEN: 1. Harlund Johnson (KTM); 2. Tony Rose (Yam).

Paul Hackbarth (here flying his CR500 to second overall in the 600cc class) was the fastest man at the Indiana State Championship Hillclimb in Cayuga, taking the Fast Time trophy for his 400cc-class-winning time.

Indiana State Championship Hillclimb

Hackbarth hacks it

By Bud Northrup

CAYUGA, IN, OCT. 3

Paul Hackbarth from Rock Falls, Illinois, showed once again that the biggest is not always the fastest in motorcycle hillclimbing. Riding a 360cc KTM modified by Jackson Performance, Hackbarth not only won the 400cc Indiana State Hillclimb Championship, he also claimed the overall fast time of the day.

Hackbarth flew his KTM over the top of the 150-foot hill in 4.055 seconds in the first round to set an early fast time. He was challenged hard by National Champion Brent Stewart, who blasted over in 4.130 seconds. Stewart had previously been unbeaten in District 15 and 17 climbs this year, and he had two fast times in 1999 to his credit. A light rain was falling and it continued into the second round, making the hill much more difficult to ride, but nearly all the riders took their second-round opportunities. Stewart was quick again but came up just a bit short with a 4.173-second time, and he had to settle for second place.

Hackbarth nearly pulled off a double win, as he blazed over the top in 4.177 seconds in the 600cc class. He was less than three-hundredths of a second slower than young Mark Goodman Jr., who nailed a 4.148-second time on his Honda for the win. Andy Fortner claimed the third spot on his Honda with a 4.222-second time, with Eric Wheelwright close behind in 4.255 seconds.

Lane "Lightning" Schultz was a double champion on his 850cc Norton, winning both the Open and Pushrod classes. He turned a good 4.812-second time on his first-round ride on a wet and slippery hill to take the win - but just barely, as Randy "Buzz" Green put the pressure on in the second round as he charged over the top in 4.840 seconds on his big Harley. Young guns Scott "Scooter" Sheets, 15, and Jacob Bailey, 14, took the third and fourth spots.

Schultz tossed his chain on his snortin' Norton on his first-round Pushrod-class ride, and Steve Shafer took the first-round lead on his Harley with a 5.011-second time. Schultz came back with a fine 4.497-second run in the second round to take the class win, and Green slipped into second place again with a 4.801-second time. Young Bailey took his 800cc Triumph over in 4.934 seconds for third place, pushing Shafer down to fourth.

Other Amateur-class winners included Mel Piontek in the 200cc class, Eric Wheelwright in the 250cc class, Andy Fortner in the 750cc class, and Kevin Weaver in the Senior class.

Results

50 YTH: 1. Justin Moore (KTM); 2. Dylan Brady (Suz); 3. Zach Grubb (KTM); 4. Mike Hunsaker (Suz); 5. Troy Skaggs (Lem).

85 YTH: 1. Chris Senn (Suz); 2. Jacob Tackitt (Yam); 3. Cort Bales (Suz); 4. Nick Mayo (Hon); 5. Josh Denson (Kaw).

200: 1. Mel Piontek (KTM); 2. Mark Goodman Jr. (Suz); 3. Scott Sheets Jr. (Kaw); 4. Chris Rivers (Yam); 5. Kelly Senn (Kaw).

250: 1. Eric Wheelwright (Yam); 2. Mark Goodman Jr. (Kaw); 3. Kevin Cappello (Kaw); 4. Don Barber Jr. (Hon); 5. Andy Fortner (Suz).

400: 1. Paul Hackbarth (KTM); 2. Brent Stewart (KTM); 3. Doug Campbell (Hus); 4. Bill Stark (Hon); 5. Steve Shafer (Yam).

600: 1. Mark Goodman Jr. (Hon); 2. Paul Hackbarth (Hon); 3. Andy Fortner (Hon); 4. Eric Wheelwright (Hon); 5. Richard Allen (Hon).

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The 65cc class - including Allen Brady (316), Preston Seratt (611), B.J. Mashaw (4) and Brady Orr (96) - launches off the line at round three of the Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series at Henry County Fairgrounds in Paris. Seratt came in fifth and Brady placed second to Tyson Ezell.

750: 1. Andy Fortner (Kaw); 2. Lane Schultz (Yam); 3. John Hillard (Kaw); 4. Marcus Brown (Yam); 5. Robin Senn (Yam).

OPEN: 1. Lane Schultz (Nor); 2. Randy Green (H-D); 3. Scott Sheets Jr. (H-D); 4. Jacob Bailey (Tri); 5. Steve Shafer (H-D).

SR: 1. Kevin Weaver (Hon); 2. Craig DeHart (Kaw); 3. Bob Fisher (H-D); 4. Gayle Jenkins (Hon); 5. Tim Wiggins (Tri).

PROD: 1. Lane Schultz (Nor); 2. Randy Green (H-D); 3. Jacob Bailey (Tri); 4. Steve Shafer (H-D); 5. Tim Wiggins (Tri).

STK: 1. Richard Allen (Hon); 2. Doug Campbell (Yam); 3. Tom Brown (Yam); 4. Steve Shafer (Kaw); 5. Mike Pulver (Kaw).

FAST TIME: Paul Hackbarth, 4.055 (KTM).

Henry County Fairgrounds

Moneymaker makes the money

By Chris Grissom

PARIS, TN, SEPT. 18

Round three of the ninth annual Tennessee State Stadia-Cross Championship Series, sponsored by Castrol, was also Race-Tech Night, with the top riders winning Race-Tech products. The night was a real money-making affair for Team Green Mid-South Motoplex rider Jordan Moneymaker. He took a pair of victories in the highly competitive 16-24 and 250cc A classes, ahead of Yamaha four-stroke rider Pooh Bear Guiden and Derek Smith in the 16-24 class and Suzuki of Paris rider Darrell Blankenship in the 250cc A event.

Another double winner was Clint Burkeen, who dueled with Suzuki rider Eric Klinkhammer and Kawasaki-mounted Shane Kissiar in the Schoolboy class and returned to win the 125cc B class over Yamaha rider Chris Brill and Kissiar, while Klinkhammer went down late in the main while running second.

In Youth action, Pro-Action of Kentucky's Tyson Ezell returned to take two wins, in the 65cc and 85 Junior classes. Ezell beat Allen Brady, Chase Thomas and 14 other 65cc riders, and he was dogged by Matt Kuykendall and Cody Biggart in Junior action.

Kenny Dale Orr took the 85 Senior contest over Greg Lovins and Steve Kissiar. Mid-South Motoplex's Josh Burress owned both the 125cc C and 250cc C classes with convincing wins. Wise old vet Mark Garrison proved he was the "iron man" of the night by taking wins in the Over 30 A and Over 25 classes; he also placed fifth in the 250cc A event, falling victim to the slick fairground track.

Results

50: 1. Preston Seratt; 2. Allen Brady; 3. Justin Carver; 4. Logan Pollard; 5. Zach Thompson.

65: 1. Tyson Ezell; 2. Allen Brady; 3. Chase Thomas; 4. Douglas Hall; 5. Preston Seratt.

85 JR: 1. Tyson Ezell; 2. Matt Kuykendall; 3. Cody Biggart; 4. Brady Orr; 5. Austin Wells.

85 SR: 1. Kenny Dale Orr; 2. Greg Lovins; 3. Steve Kissiar; 4. Chase Gamble; 5. Charles Brooks.

S/MINI: 1. William Devault; 2. Dustin Thomas; 3. Kenny Dale Orr; 4. Ben Crittendon; 5. Greg Lovins.

SCHBY: 1. Clint Burkeen; 2. Eric Klinkhammer; 3. Shane Kissiar; 4. William Devault; 5. Kory Cunningham.

125 BEG: 1. Jason Hornsby; 2. Nathan Chappell; 3. Keith Wallace; 4. Tre Faulkner; 5. Brian Wallace.

125 A: 1. Derek Smith; 2. Brent Brush; 3. Darrell Blankenship; 4. Damon Prince; 5. Chris Brisendine.

125 B: 1. Clint Burkeen; 2. Chris Brill; 3. Shane Kissiar; 4. Allen Weatherford; 5. William Smallwood.

125 C: 1. Josh Burress; 2. Josh Croley; 3. Adam Lynn; 4. Greg Hammond; 5. Michael Lawrence.

250 BEG: 1. Conrad Long; 2. Matt Lewis; 3. Stephen Pope; 4. Brock Hopkins; 5. Ben Thomas.

250 A: 1. Jordan Moneymaker; 2. Pooh Bear Guiden; 3. Darrell Blankenship; 4. Keith Guiden; 5. Mark Garrison.

250 B: 1. Jamaal Bond; 2. William Smallwood; 3. Jason Kraus; 4. Corey Ballard; 5. Mike Moore.

250 C: 1. Josh Burress; 2. Tony Travis; 3. Heath Ellis; 4. Jason Ricketts; 5. Mike Schaffer.

16-24: 1. Jordan Moneymaker; 2. Pooh Bear Guiden; 3. Derek Smith; 4. William Smallwood; 5. Brent Brush.

25+: 1. Mark Garrison; 2. Paul Puckett; 3. Ronnie Ray; 4. Keith Guiden; 5. Shane Vaughn.

30+ A: 1. Mark Garrison; 2. Shane Vaughn.

30+ B/C: 1. Darrell Bigham; 2. David Reasons; 3. Kenneth White; 4. Mike Garrison; 5. Paul Puckett.

40+: 1. Ronnie Ray; 2. Darrell Bigham; 3. Kenneth White; 4. Terry Lawrence.

Village Creek MX Park

Dickey in the driver's seat

By Deb Hershman

FORT WORTH, TX, AUG. 28

At Village Creek MX Park's final Saturday night race in August, sponsored by Thor and Parts Unlimited, Cody Dickey dominated the 80cc Open event, leaving the rest of the pack to battle for position. The battle for second was fought long and hard between James Pino and Bradley Young. Young dodged Pino's roost for five laps as Pino successfully blocked any passing attempts. In moto two, Pino attempted to catch Dickey early in the race, but trouble on lap four caused Pino to finish the race a lap down. Catching the number-two spot was Suzuki pilot Young, followed by Adam Reson from Gainesville, Texas. The top five overall were Dickey (1-1), Young (3-2), Reson (4-3), Pino (2-5) and Aaron Garner (5-4).

Leading the charge off the gate in both 250cc Beginner motos was Two-Wheel World-backed David Lowe, who powered his Kawasaki in just the right places to hold his lead over the 13-rider field. Charging hard behind Lowe in both motos was the second-overall rider, Denton's Keith Dill. The battle for third was intense, as Graylyn Zito, moto one's third-place rider, tangled with Honda-mounted Brian Keith in moto two. Keith and Zito diced back and forth until the white-flag lap, when Keith's determination allowed him to hold the three spot. Keith's DNF in moto one, however, took him out of contention for the podium finishes. The top five overall were Lowe (1-1), Dill (2-2), Zito (3-4), Marcelo Novaco (4-5) and Mario Cimino (5-6).

In the Combined Pro event, Team Green's Ryan Wallace and Suzuki's Jason Baird dueled for the lead. In moto one, Wallace led the pack, with Baird hounding his every move. Right behind Baird was James Skinner, looking for his opportunity to move forward. Wallace flew to the checkers, with Baird crossing over second, followed by Skinner and Mike Klement. In moto two, Wallace had to work fast to get around Baird, who held the early lead. Skinner and Klement diced for position until Skinner locked in third on lap five. Wallace's strong riding style earned him the overall win. Baird took second overall. Skinner's 3-3 gave him third overall, followed by Klement, in fourth.

Results

50 STK SHAFT: 1. Chris Wolfe (Yam); 2. J.C. Hopkins (Yam); 3. Kyle McAdams (Yam).

50 (4-6): 1. Reid Miller (Cob); 2. Ryan Parry (KTM); 3. Justin Cornett (KTM); 4. David Bryant (Cob); 5. Justin Parker (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Hunter Douglas (Cob); 2. Justin Flores (KTM); 3. Garrett Sarasin (Hus).

50 OPEN: 1. Reid Miller (Cob); 2. Hunter Douglas (Cob); 3. Justin Flores (KTM); 4. Tyler Cummings (Cob).

60 (7-9): 1. Levi Gillian (Kaw); 2. Logan Melton (Kaw); 3. Braydon Kramer (Kaw); 4. Craig Haemker (Kaw); 5. Brandon Portman (KTM).

60 (10-11): 1. Brandon Pipkin (Kaw); 2. Andy Walts (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Russell Altman (Yam); 2. Aaron Garner (Yam); 3. Ben Rodemeyer (Suz); 4. Broc Parker (Yam); 5. Adam Presley (Hon).

80 (7-11): 1. Adam Reson (Kaw); 2. Levi Gillian (Kaw); 3. Logan Melton (Yam); 4. Justin Long (Yam).

80 (12-16): 1. James Pino (Hon); 2. Cody Dickey (Kaw); 3. Bradley Young (Suz).

80 OPEN: 1. Cody Dickey (Kaw); 2. Bradley Young (Suz); 3. Adam Reson (Kaw); 4. James Pino (Hon); 5. Aaron Garner (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Tommy Douglas (Suz); 2. Chris Pondt (Hon); 3. Clay Forshe (Yam); 4. Cole Barham (Hon); 5. Jack Braun (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Thomas Schuler (Yam); 2. Jesse Chambers (Yam); 3. Chance Staggs (Yam); 4. Josh Wartchow (Kaw); 5. Caleb Chalmers (Hon).

125 OPEN: 1. Thomas Schuler (Yam); 2. Caleb Chambers (Hon); 3. Stephen Garrett (Kaw); 4. Chris Pondt (Hon); 5. Milton Highfill (Yam).

COMB INT: 1. Bruce Staples (Hon); 2. Kyle Hudson (Yam); 3. Bret Harlow (Hon); 4. John Portman (KTM); 5. Keith Hayes (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. David Lowe (Kaw); 2. Keith Dill (Yam); 3. Graylyn Zito (KTM); 4. Marcelo Novaco (Hon); 5. Mario Cimino (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Randy Hayes (Kaw); 2. Chuck Bosane (Yam); 3. Mickael Harris (Kaw).

250 OPEN: 1. Kyle Hudson (Yam); 2. James Neumann (KTM); 3. Michael Hicks (KTM); 4. Marshall Sypulski (KTM).

COMB PRO: 1. Ryan Wallace (Kaw); 2. Jason Baird (Suz); 3. James Skinner (Hon); 4. Mike Klement (KTM).

25+: 1. David Waldner (Hon); 2. C.J. Mullins (Hon); 3. Jack Braun (Suz); 4. David Fletcher (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Kelly Epperson (Hon); 2. James Parry (Hon); 3. Tommy Huff (Yam); 4. Mark Pflug (Kaw).

30+ INT: 1. Bruce Staples (Hon); 2. Kent Delap (Hon); 3. John Portman (KTM).

38+: 1. Randy Skinner (Hon); 2. Bart Walstrom (Hon); 3. Fred Schuler (Yam); 4. David Mills (Suz); 5. Kirk Lawrence (Yam).

Pleasure Riders Hillclimb

Wheelwright's perfect day

By Bud Northrup

CAYUGA, IN, OCT. 2

Eric Wheelwright conducted a hillclimbing clinic at the Pleasure Riders' Saturday night hillclimb. The 29-year-old rider from Hanover, Illinois, entered three classes and won them all, and he also claimed the Fast Time trophy and cash award. It was a perfect day for the 250cc National Champion.

Wheelwright's first win came in the 250cc class. He found himself in second place at intermission, as Kevin Cappello had turned an early fast time of 4.169 seconds on his KX250 - slightly quicker than Wheelwright's 4.188-second time on his YZ250. In second-round action, however, Wheelwright unloaded a picture-perfect launch and flew over the top of the 150-foot hill in a blazing 4.034 seconds to take the win. Cappello responded with a strong 4.075-second run of his own, but he had to settle for second place.

Wheelwright's fastest time was delivered in the fast 600cc class, as he flew his Jackson Performance CR500 high over the top in an incredible 3.904 seconds on his first ride. He *needed* a time that quick, as "Fast Andy" Fortner blitzed the hill on his JPC Honda in 3.921 seconds in the second round for second place. Paul Hackbarth carded 3.993 seconds on his JPC/CR500.

The last win for the Hanover hotshoe came in the Stock class, in which he again came from behind to win. Tom Brown nailed a very good 4.486-second run on his YZ250 in first-round action to take the lead into intermission, with Wheelwright in second place with a 4.494-second run on his YZ250. But Wheelwright flew over in 4.267 seconds on his second ride to claim a convincing win. Richard Allen carded a 4.392-second ride on his CR250 in the second round to slip under Brown for second place.

"Lightning" Lane Schultz from Anamosa, Iowa, enjoyed a double-win night on his 850 Norton. His first win came in the Open class, with a 4.316-second first-round time. Randy "Buzz" Green was his closest challenger, with a very quick 4.379-second time on his Harley-powered KTM, and 15-year-old Scott "Scooter" Sheets was third on his Superior Cycle Sportster, while 14-year-old Jacob Bailey claimed fourth on his 800 Triumph.

The second win for Schultz came in the Pushrod class, in which his very fast 4.098-second time on his snortin' Norton was a convincing winner. Green claimed second again on his Harley with a 4.491-second time, with young Bailey running third on his big-bore Triumph. Tim Wiggins claimed fourth on his Triumph, and 15-year-old Josh Carrier claimed fifth on his Triumph.

Results

50 AUTO: 1. Dylan Brady (Suz); 2. Justin Moore (KTM); 3. Zach Grubb (Lem); 4. Troy Skaggs (Lem); 5. Mike Hunsaker (Suz).

85 YTH: 1. Nick Mayo (Hon); 2. Jacob Tackitt (Yam); 3. Damon Mayo (Hon); 4. Eric Skaggs (Suz); 5. Cort Bales (Suz).

200: 1. Mel Piontek (KTM); 2. Chris Rivers (Yam); 3. Mark Goodman Jr. (Suz); 4. Kelly Senn (Kaw); 5. Gordon Green (Yam).

250: 1. Eric Wheelwright (Yam); 2. Kevin Cappello (Kaw); 3. Mark Goodman Jr. (Kaw); 4. Mel Piontek (Hon); 5. Don Barber Jr.

400: 1. Paul Hackbarth (KTM); 2. Doug Campbell (Hus); 3. Steve Shafer (Yam); 4. Bill Stark (Hon); 5. Cliff Denson (Yam).

600: 1. Eric Wheelwright (Hon); 2. Andy Fortner (Hon); 3. Paul Hackbarth (Hon); 4. Mark Goodman Jr. (Hon); 5. Kevin Cappello (Hon).

750: 1. John Hillard (Kaw); 2. Andy Fortner (Kaw); 3. Lane Schultz (Yam); 4. Robin Senn (Yam); 5. Marcus Brown (Yam).

OPEN: 1. Lane Schultz (Nor); 2. Randy Green (H-D); 3. Scott Sheets Jr. (H-D); 4. Jacob Bailey (Tri); 5. Adam Doublestein (H-D).

SR: 1. Bob Fisher (H-D); 2. Kevin Weaver (Hon); 3. Craig DeHart (Kaw); 4. Tim Wiggins (Tri); 5. Fred Brown (Yam).

PROD: 1. Lane Schultz (Nor); 2. Randy Green (H-D); 3. Jacob Bailey (Tri); 4. Tim Wiggins (Tri); 5. Josh Carrier (Tri).

STK: 1. Eric Wheelwright (Yam); 2. Richard Allen (Hon); 3. Tom Brown (Yam); 4. Doug Campbell (Hus); 5. Paul Hackbarth (Yam).

FAST TIME: Eric Wheelwright, 3.904 (Hon).

Mountain View Cycle Park

Schmid der vinner

By Greg Rodgers

SANDY, OR, OCT. 3

David Schmid, on his 250cc Suzuki, overcame some confusion in the first moto at Mountain View Cycle Park on what turned out to be a nearly perfect day for motocross in the Great Northwest. Schmid emerged the victor in both Over 30 Intermediate motos and thereby achieved the overall win.

In a combined Over 30 Pro and Over 30 Intermediate gate, Schmid nailed the holeshot in the first moto.

"I got the holeshot," he said later, "and I knew Greg Brooks was right there and I had better get on the throttle to avoid as long as possible his passing me and then having to deal with the roost from his rear wheel."

Schmid was successful in that endeavor until about midmoto, when Over 30 Pro rider Brooks, on his Yamaha YZF400, got around Schmid. Still in first in the Intermediate class, Schmid then had the remainder of the Pro riders freight-training behind him. Unsure of whom was whom, Schmid rode with reckless abandon and held his position to the checkers, with the rest of the B riders in tow five seconds behind him and the pack of Pro riders.

The best race of the day was in the 125cc Intermediate class. Jody Deitz, on his Kawasaki, got the overall after a first-moto defeat (losing to Honda rider Dan Hewitt) and a second-moto win. In both motos, the top three riders - Yamaha rider Monte Hill, Hewett and Deitz - were either setting up passes or covering a line to avoid being passed on nearly every section of track. On this fantastic course, with its perfect track surface, this equated to many position changes in both motos. In the deciding second moto, however, it was Deitz with the holeshot and the win for the overall. Hewitt and Hill battled for second, with Hewitt taking runner-up and Hill third.

In other racing, Derek Butzer swept both motos in the 60cc (9-11) class, keeping Rhett Johnson and Spencer Rydman at bay all day. Johnson gated well in both motos and managed to hold off Rydman for second in both motos, while Rydman hung on for third in both motos. Behind the leaders, some of the best racing was between Zach "The Rooster" Chapman, Blake Anglen and Chris Meeker. They diced for position in both motos and negotiated the track's many obstacles, which are tough enough to handle on a full-sized bike, but must be very challenging to the guys on these minis.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Steele Davidson (Cob); 2. Bradley Frace (Cob); 3. Andrew Spink (KTM).

50 (7-9): 1. Landon Currier (Cob); 2. Jake Ripley (Cob); 3. Jacob Holden (KTM); 4. Chris Meeker (KTM).

60 (6-8): 1. Alec Watts (Kaw); 2. Ben Enebo (Kaw); 3. Josh Blano (Kaw); 4. Matt Daniell (Kaw); 5. Zachary Moore (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Derek Butzer (Kaw); 2. Rhett Johnson (KTM); 3. Spencer Rydman (KTM); 4. Blake Anglen (KTM); 5. Zach Chapman (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Robby Glynn (Kaw); 2. T.J. Hobbs (Yam); 3. Eric Rhyine (Hon); 4. David Burgess (Hon); 5. Ben Anglen (Suz).

80 JR: 1. Dan Hamilton (Kaw); 2. Eric Turner (Yam); 3. James Hamilton (Hon); 4. Chris Hobbs (Hon); 5. Willie Brown (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Josh Hill (Yam).

S/MINI: 1. Josh Hill (Yam); 2. Dan Hamilton (Yam); 3. James Hamilton (Hon); 4. Eric Turner (Yam); 5. Willie Brown (Hon).

125 BEG: 1. T.J. Moschetti (Hon); 2. Ryan Jones (Hon); 3. Andy Fuller (Yam); 4. David Scheak (Suz); 5. Jason Haney (Yam).

125 JR: 1. Bryan Thibedeau (Kaw); 2. Dustin Martin (Suz); 3. Robert Jenkins (Yam); 4. Jason Gilcrease (Yam); 5. Mike Carroll (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Jody Deitz (Kaw); 2. Dan Hewitt (Hon); 3. Monte Hill (Yam); 4. Joe Brockaway (Kaw); 5. Ryan Anderson (Hon).

125 PRO: 1. Mike Storm (Kaw); 2. Mike Scheel (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Andy Ashley (Kaw); 2. Tom Miltonberger (Kaw); 3. Scott Salisbury (Hon); 4. Mark Krepel (Hon); 5. Chad Celorie (Yam).

250 JR: 1. Ken Palfenier (Yam); 2. Mike Carroll (Yam); 3. Don Sook (Hon); 4. Ed Wagner (Kaw); 5. Matt Hunter (Hon).

250 INT: 1. J.R. Vielle (Suz).

250 PRO: 1. Travis Murphy (Suz); 2. Mike Hamness (Suz).

UTH AM: 1. Jeff Edson (Hon); 2. Mathew Burrell (Hon); 3. Ed Wagner (Kaw); 4. Chadwick Wallace (Yam); 5. Kevin Harris (Suz).

UTH EX: 1. Greg Brooks (Yam); 2. Tony Coca (Hon); 3. Mike Hamness (Suz).

30+ C: 1. Pat Wade (Hon); 2. Jim Herb (Suz); 3. Dan Keller (Kaw); 4. Steve Mitchell (Yam); 5. Mike Ginter (KTM).

30+ B: 1. Dave Schmid (Suz); 2. Rick Da Silva (Yam); 3. William Jory (Suz); 4. David Davis (Kaw); 5. Harold Wilkins (Yam).

30+ PRO: 1. Tony Coca (Hon); 2. David Browning (Yam); 3. Greg Brooks (Yam).

40+ C: 1. George Sullivan (KTM); 2. Terry Brooks (Yam).

40+ B: 1. Gary Bondso (KTM); 2. Terry Hamness Sr. (Kaw).

40+ A: 1. Greg Rodgers (Hon).

WMN: 1. Cici Gilcrease (Yam).

Brock Sellards flew to victories in both the 125cc and 250cc Pro classes at Spring Valley Raceway in Lisbon, Ohio.

Spring Valley Raceway

Sellards sizzles at Spring Valley Motocross

By Carl Davis

LISBON, OH, SEPT. 26

Brock Sellards, riding his FMF Honda, put on a dazzling display at Spring Valley Raceway's fall CRA series event. Sellards sizzled to four Pro moto wins, leaving little doubt as to who ruled the track on this day. A super turnout of riders and great weather, combined with a large Pro purse and many door prizes provided by event sponsor Kames Sports of North Canton, Ohio, made for a great day of racing.

Sellards outbattled many of Ohio's toughest pro riders, including "Mighty" Mike Katin. These two national-class riders showed everyone the fast way around the mostly natural-terrain circuit.

The second 250 Pro moto was a barnburner. Sellards took off with the lead, followed by Suzuki riders David Hill, Mike Katin and Vince Karnow, in turn followed by Jake Davis, Bo Bowman and David Hand, who were all packed together for the first lap. Katin put the pressure on Hill, who had been riding very well all day. Katin was determined to get by Hill, and, on lap three, as they raced over the Jawbreaker and up the hill, both riders went down in a pile of dust. This would shake up the overall standings, as both riders took a while to remount. Karnow benefited the most, moving into second, behind Sellards. Davis was third. Bowman held off Hand for fourth in the moto. Katin battled back in the last laps to salvage a sixth for the moto and to stay in the top overall placings. Sellards was long gone for the win and the overall victory. Karnow took second overall. Bowman took third overall, with Katin fourth and Davis rounding out the top five overall.

Mickey Marshall aced the Schoolboy and 125cc Intermediate classes. Marshall took the Schoolboy-class win over Larry Rust, Jesse Miller and Tim Ranger. Miller had another good ride in the 125cc Intermediate class, claiming second overall behind Yamaha speedster Marshall, with Frank Spagina Jr. taking third and Ranger nailing fourth overall.

Another double class winner was Neal Davis, who took the Four-Stroke and Open-class wins. In the Four-Stroke class, Davis took the win ahead of Dave Blauman and Andy Sczypta Sr. He took the Open-class win over Matt Mansfield and Blauman, with Donny Davis fourth and Sczypta finishing out the top five overall.

Results

50 JR: 1. Dylan Bantum; 2. Brett McIntyre; 3. Justin McKool; 4. Matt Stork; 5. Kyle Heath.

50 SR: 1. Tony Gallo; 2. Nathan Stork; 3. Ryan Worth; 4. Joshua Abrecht; 5. Ryan Boley.

60: 1. Kyle Ditcher; 2. George Baker; 3. Joshua Snyder; 4. Kyle Gills; 5. Tony Gallo.

80 JR: 1. A.J. Hattery; 2. Danny Kosmeri; 3. Jimmy Berg; 4. Paul Leimbach; 5. Ryan Armitage.

80 SR: 1. Kevin Ott; 2. Tony Doble; 3. Tyler Bickle; 4. Josh Barr; 5. David Ditcher.

80 S/MINI: 1. Tyson Leggett; 2. Danny Kosmeri; 3. A.J. Hattery; 4. Paul Leimbach; 5. Ronald Kendall.

SCHBY: 1. Mickey Marshall; 2. Larry Rust; 3. Jesse Miller; 4. Tim Ranger; 5. Tyson Leggett.

125 PRO: 1. Brock Sellards; 2. Mike Katin; 3. David Hill; 4. Vince Karnow; 5. Jake Davis.

125 B: 1. Mickey Marshall; 2. Jesse Miller; 3. Frank Spagina Jr.; 4. Tim Ranger; 5. Matt Cosma.

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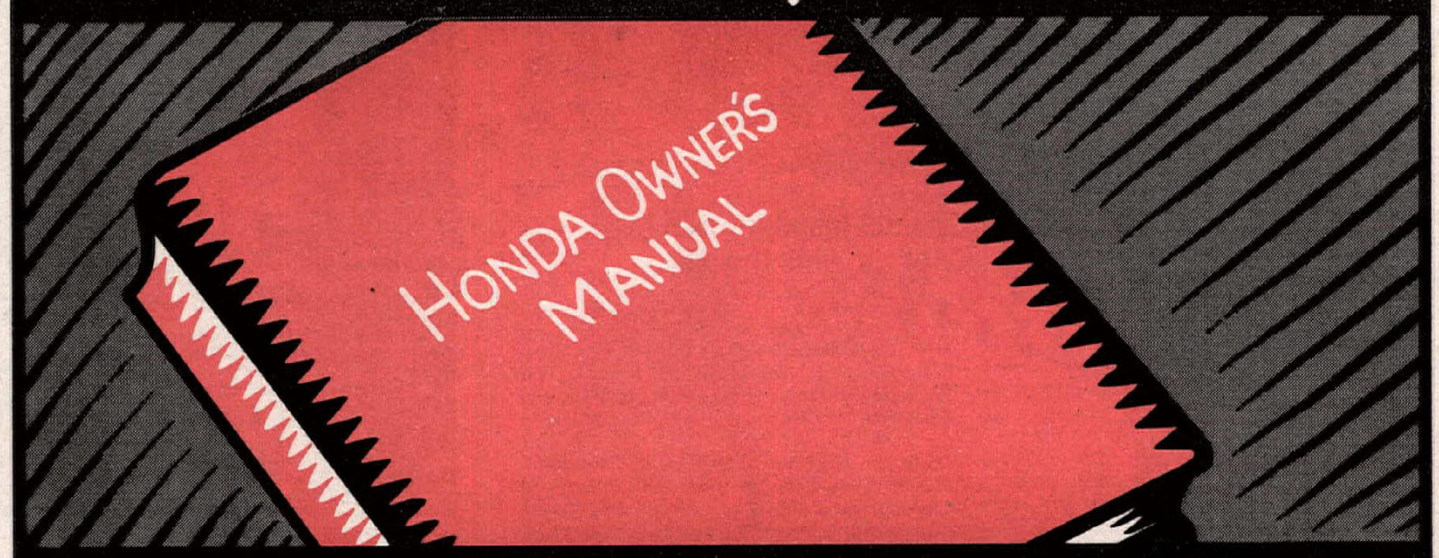

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125 C: 1. Kyle Barker; 2. Andrew Hull; 3. Dan Satmary; 4. David Younglas; 5. Josh Knebel.
250 PRO: 1. Brock Sellards; 2. Vince Karnow; 3. Bo Bowman; 4. Mike Katin; 5. Jake Davis.
250 B: 1. Matt Mansfield; 2. Bryan Santee; 3. Trevor Kirven; 4. Johnny Young; 5. Dan Poole.
250 C: 1. Jerad Maister; 2. Jason Abrecht; 3. Erik Thoria; 4. Kevin Bowen; 5. Dave Thompson.
OPEN: 1. Neal Davis; 2. Matt Mansfield; 3. Dave Blauman; 4. Donny Davis; 5. Andy Sczypta.
4-STRK: 1. Neal Davis; 2. Dave Blauman; 3. Andy Sczypta; 4. Luke Heaney.
25+: 1. Jay Coventry; 2. Barry Fife; 3. Troy Howard; 4. Jason Howard; 5. Jason Geiger.
SR 1: 1. David Hand; 2. David Smith; 3. Dean Woolf; 4. Jay Coventry; 5. Johnny Young.
SR 2: 1. Paul Fox; 2. Dan Morgan; 3. Gary Macuich; 4. Mike Heaney; 5. Lonnie Wells.
S/SR: 1. Dan Morgan; 2. Jerry Boyd.
WMN: 1. William Leas; 2. Dee Dee Haehn; 3. Lana Karnow; 4. Savannah Karnow.
BMBR: 1. Michael Sinclair; 2. R. Wayne Scarberry; 3. Carl Townsend.

Moreland's Motocross

Crown's achievement

By Kevin S. Mitchell

STANTON, MI, AUG. 22

Some 266 riders turned out to do battle on a perfect summer day at Moreland's Motocross. Bright, sunny skies and cool temperatures in the 70s kept the riders cool, but the racing was hot.

The 50cc Beginners had a full class of 16 riders. Moreland's runs this class as a non-points-paying event for beginners only. Eric Senk of Owosso, Michigan, showed his stuff, taking the victory over Christopher Smith of Charlotte. Both were riding Yamaha PWs.

The 50cc Seniors had a great race on their full race bikes. Chad Cooley of Grand Ledge, Michigan, took his Polini to victory over Michael Ross of Midland, who was on a Cobra.

The 60cc contest had a huge turnout of 23 racers, and they put on an extreme show. John Jackson of Clio, Michigan, took the win over Daniel Aulseybrook of Ortonville.

Michael Watson of Taylor, Michigan, has made a strong comeback after suffering broken ribs on Memorial Day weekend. Watson rode in both the Non-Current class (for 1994-and-older bikes) and the Bomber class (for 1989-and-older bikes.) The overall in the Bomber division was taken by veteran racer Terry Piggott of Ionia, Michigan. Piggott left his Maico steed at home and rode a Honda to the win.

The afternoon classes had a great turnout of both 125 and 250cc riders. The day's largest class, 250cc C, had 27 entrants. Daniel Krick of Holly, Michigan, took the win on his Yamaha, followed by Damian Swigert of Burton.

Metamora, Michigan's own Matthew Crown returned to action fresh from the nationals to sweep both the 250cc A and Over 25 events. Crown made it look just too easy as he flew to victory.

Results

50 BEG: 1. Eric Senk (Yam); 2. Christopher Smith (Yam); 3. Anthony Christopher (Yam); 4. Tyler Neros (Yam); 5. Colton Curtis.
50 SHAFT: 1. James Roberts (Yam); 2. Sara Roberts (Yam); 3. Adrian Ford (Yam); 4. Austin L. Nelson (Yam); 5. Shaun Wagner (Yam).
50 JR: 1. James Schnaus (Cob); 2. Austin L. Nelson (Lem); 3. Ulysses G. Johnson (KTM); 4. Ian Clements (Cob).
50 SR: 1. Chad Cooley (Pol); 2. Michael Ross (Cob); 3. Steve Daly (Cob); 4. Talon Hodeeson (Cob); 5. James Roberts (Cob).
60: 1. John Jackson (Kaw); 2. Daniel Aulseybrook (Kaw); 3. Michael Chapman (Kaw); 4. Brett Bourdage (Kaw); 5. Brandon Cooley (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Aaron Smith (Suz); 2. Joshua Smith (Kaw); 3. Kristopher Savino (Kaw); 4. Eric Saya (Yam); 5. Mike Ford (Kaw).
80 (7-11): 1. Grant W. Moreland (Suz); 2. Thomas Templeton (Suz); 3. Eric S. Miller (Suz); 4. Matieusz Jachacy (Hon); 5. John Jackson (Kaw).
80 (12-15): 1. Brad Smith (Hon); 2. Scotty Thomason (Suz); 3. Ronald Bowers Jr. (Yam); 4. Josh Bracken (Hon); 5. Kyle R. Alling (Hon).
125 JR: 1. Derek Rose (Hon); 2. Nathan J. Woodward (Yam); 3. Robby E. Wheeler (Suz); 4. Trevor A. Gundlach (Yam); 5. Brandon Mussinski (Suz).
125 A: 1. Nicholas G. McNenly (Yam); 2. Matthew A. Murphy.
125 B: 1. Derek Rose (Hon); 2. Frank Jungnitsch; 3. Kyle G. McLeod (KTM); 4. Rich Powell (Yam); 5. Brandon Fritts (Hon).
125 C: 1. Raymond Medina (Yam); 2. Ryan Micho (Hon); 3. Jordan Watson (Kaw); 4. Matt Ford (Kaw); 5. David J. Swartzendruber (Yam).
250 OPEN A: 1. Matthew L. Crown; 2. Chad Miller (Hon); 3. Jeremy D. Hughson (Yam); 4. Matthew R. Chick (Hon); 5. Keith L. Pagel (Kaw).
250 OPEN B: 1. Kyle G. McLeod (KTM); 2. Ryan Dargie (Suz); 3. Chad Lesausky (Yam); 4. Jeff L. Plawecki (Kaw); 5. Scott Darling (Yam).
250 OPEN C: 1. Daniel Krick (Yam); 2. Damian Swigert (Kaw); 3. Jeffrey Miller (Kaw); 4. Josh Waldron (Kaw); 5. Matthew Janssen (Hon).
16-24: 1. Frank Jungnitsch; 2. Nicholas G. McNenly (Yam); 3. Chad Miller (Hon); 4. Rich Powell (Yam); 5. Jeremy D. Hughson (Kaw).
25+: 1. Matthew L. Crown; 2. Keith L. Pagel (Kaw); 3. Matthew R. Chick (Hon); 4. Craig Stoley (Hon); 5. Nick Egle (Kaw).
30+: 1. James J. Dlabal (Hon); 2. Joey V. Munger (KTM); 3. Gary Seibert (Suz); 4. Craig Stoley (Hon); 5. Daniel Hansen (Suz).
35+: 1. Scott D. Currie (Hon); 2. Bruce Clary (Kaw); 3. Scott Neros (Hon); 4. James Iversen (Kaw); 5. Daniel W. Chapel (Yam).
40+: 1. Scott D. Currie (Hon); 2. Gary Saya (Hon); 3. Michael Behringer (Kaw); 4. Ron Hayes (Suz); 5. Timothy Jackson (Hon).
50+: 1. Frank J. Helms (Hon); 2. Robert Chapman (Hon); 3. Ronald E. Sage (Hon); 4. Richard L. Martin (KTM).
BMBR: 1. Terry Piggott (Hon); 2. Troy Dufort (Hon); 3. Mark P. Border (Hon); 4. Joseph M. Kolanowski (Hon).
DRY DOGS: 1. Michael R. Watson (Hon).
NON-CUR: 1. Bruce Clary (Kaw); 2. Wilbert Vertpootrn (Hon); 3. David Fink (Hon); 4. Michael R. Watson (Kaw).
WMN: 1. Brandy Chupp (Kaw); 2. Linda Miller (Hon).

Glen Helen Raceway Park

Meade takes the win, Bohrer wins the war

By Beth LaRock

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, SEPT. 24

In the 60cc (9-11) class at the final round of IMS Pro Series Stadiumcross action, Mike Meade and B.J. Bohrer thrilled the crowd as they battled to the finish.

In the first moto, Noleen/AC Racing's Meade claimed the holeshot, with IMS/Cycle City-sponsored Bohrer on his back tire. Warren Davis and Andrew Yarnell followed close behind.

Meade and Bohrer quickly developed a large lead, with both riders drawing cheers as they doubled the spectator jumps. Bohrer continued to wait for Meade to make a mistake, but Meade rode seemingly effortlessly to the finish. Yarnell passed Davis for third after Davis stalled his bike in a turn.

At the finish line, Meade captured first, followed by Bohrer, Yarnell and Davis.

KTM-mounted Bohrer seized the second-moto holeshot, with Meade following. Davis and Yarnell gave pursuit. The two lead riders again developed a comfortable lead. Meade appeared to be biding his time, waiting for Bohrer to make a mistake. During the fourth lap, Bohrer stalled his bike in a turn. Meade made the pass and finished first, followed by Bohrer, Davis and Yarnell.

Taking first overall in the class for the nine-round series was Bohrer. Meade claimed third place for the series.

In 250cc Beginner action, Kyle Shimek, David Pheasant and Ryan Roberts charged for the lead. TNT Motorsports-sponsored Shimek held the lead, while Pheasant and Roberts jockeyed for second.

During lap two, IMS/Claremont Cycle Supply's Roberts made the pass, taking second from Pheasant. Pheasant reclaimed second on lap three, then lost the position again on the fourth lap.

Shimek crossed the finish line unencumbered. Roberts held on to second, followed by Pheasant in third.

Shimek and Roberts met back in the pits to congratulate one another.

"The track is pretty good," Shimek said. "I've just got to stay ahead of that guy (Roberts)."

"I tried hard to catch him," Roberts responded. "I'm going to beat him in the second moto."

The overall series winner, Fetish Clothing's Doug Covey, did not complete the moto and was seen walking his bike back to the pits with a broken clutch lever.

Shimek again took the lead in the second moto, with Roberts and Darrin Moharsi close behind. Shimek and Roberts quickly developed a strong lead. Back in fifth, Covey charged hard and made clean passes into third.

Shimek, Roberts and Covey finished first through third.

Both Shimek and Roberts agreed that coming in first and second was a good way to complete their Beginner-class experience.

IMS spokesman Mike Farmer said he was very pleased with the turnout for the Stadiumcross series.

"It's such a nice, relaxed, family atmosphere on a Friday night," said Farmer. "I'm already looking forward to next year."

Results

P/W (4-6): 1. David Meade (Cob); 2. Bryce Stewart; 3. Samuel Martinez (KTM); 4. Zachary Pillow (KTM); 5. Cody Hall (Cob).
P/W (7-8): 1. Scott Noble (Cob); 2. Garrick Noble (Cob); 3. Marcus Carrillo (Lem); 4. Nic Paluzzi (Cob); 5. Blake Baggett (Cob).
P/W 80: 1. Brad Borden.
60 (0-8): 1. Scott Noble (Kaw); 2. Richard Sterling (Kaw); 3. Cooper Hall (Kaw); 4. David Falcon (Kaw); 5. David Meade (Kaw).
60 (9-11): 1. Mike Meade (Kaw); 2. B.J. Bohrer (KTM); 3. Warren Davis (KTM); 4. Andrew Yarnell (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Kris Paluzzi (Yam); 2. Charles Pearson (Kaw); 3. Mike Meade (Kaw); 4. Phillip Aube (Kaw); 5. B.J. Bohrer (Yam).
80 NOV: 1. Andrew Petrie (Kaw).
80 INT: 1. Jeff Loop.
80 EX: 1. Daton Beavers (Kaw); 2. Sean Collier (Kaw); 3. Scott Simon (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Tyler Roberts (KTM); 2. Brian Blagg (Suz); 3. Candace English (Hon); 4. Beau Jones (Hon); 5. Chris Avery (Yam).
125 NOV: 1. David Sullins (Yam); 2. Jon Davidson (Kaw); 3. Chris McDaniel (Yam); 4. Bill Walls (Kaw); 5. Joey Compise (Suz).
125 INT: 1. Jeremiah Moore (Hon); 2. Nick Alvarez (Hon); 3. Cory Gibbons (Yam); 4. Josh Stice (Yam); 5. Sean O'Conner (Yam).
125 PRO: 1. Tim Beatty (Yam); 2. Michael Young (Yam); 3. Jeremy Chaussee (Kaw); 4. Josh Cavanaugh (Yam).
250 BEG: 1. Kyle Shimek (Kaw); 2. Ryan Roberts (Kaw); 3. David Pheasant (Suz); 4. Shawne Portman (Hon); 5. Doug Covey (Hon).

At Glen Helen Raceway, Mike Meade (82) chased down B.J. Bohrer (81) for the 60cc (9-11) overall at the final round, but Bohrer roosted to the overall class win in the final standings of the IMS Pro Series.

250 NOV: 1. Cody Knauss (Yam); 2. Todd Henrikson (Yam); 3. Andy Bakker (Yam).
250 INT: 1. Bryan Bruno (Yam); 2. John Haskell (Suz).
250 PRO: 1. Donald Upton (Hon); 2. D.J. Umphres (Yam); 3. Jason Fields (Yam).
JR VET BEG: 1. Nay McFarland (Hon).
VET BEG: 1. Shawn Cordon (Yam).
SR NOV: 1. Carlos Ollervides (Hon).
IMS Stadiumcross Series Final Results
P/W (4-6): 1. David Meade; 2. Zachary Pillow; 3. Samuel Martinez.
P/W (7-8): 1. Scott Noble; 2. Quad Chase; 3. Nic Paluzzi.
P/W 80: 1. Brad Borden.
60 (0-8): 1. Richard Sterling; 2. Cooper Hall.
60 (9-11): 1. B.J. Bohrer; 2. Scott Noble; 3. Mike Meade.
80 BEG: 1. Kris Paluzzi; 2. B.J. Bohrer; 3. Charles Pearson.
80 NOV: 1. Andrew Petrie.
80 INT: 1. Jeff Loop.
80 EXP: 1. Daton Beavers; 2. Sean Collier.
125 BEG: 1. Mike Paluzzi; 2. Amber Pickett; 3. Candace English.
125 NOV: 1. Gabriel Obeso; 2. David Sullins; 3. Jarrod Hensley.
125 INT: 1. Sean O'Conner; 2. Cory Gibbons; 3. Nick Alvarez.
125 PRO: 1. Tim Beatty.
250 BEG: 1. Doug Covey; 2. Ryan Roberts; 3. Kyle Shimek.
250 NOV: 1. Nicholas Hensley; 2. Todd Henrikson.
250 INT: 1. Bryan Bruno.
250 PRO: 1. D.J. Umphres.
VET BEG: 1. Shawn Cordon.
SR NOV: 1. Carlos Ollervides.

Firebird Raceway

Ledesma wins the Dash

By Michael Ross

CHANDLER, AZ, SEPT. 4-5

Mark Ledesma had only one thing on his mind Sunday afternoon at Firebird Raceway when he rolled his ZX7R up to the starting grid for the Unlimited GP Dash For Cash: Beat Dale Kieffer at all costs. When the checkered flag fell nine laps later, it was Ledesma crossing the finish line first, with Kieffer trailing. Ledesma won the lion's share of the $1000 purse and had his revenge on Kieffer for beating him earlier in the Middleweight Supersport race.

"There was no way I was going to let Kieffer beat me in Unlimited GP," said Ledesma after the race. "I wanted revenge for him beating me in the Middleweight race."

The Unlimited GP was the finale of a long, hot weekend on which racing resumed in the CCS Southwest Sprint Series after a month-long summer hiatus. Although the temperature climbed well past the 100-degree mark on Saturday and Sunday, racers were thankful that the annual monsoons had given them a break from the tortuous humidity that had been punishing the valley for the previous week.

Racing got under way on Saturday with the GT Lights event, and it was Laroy Montgomery taking the win from Chuck Coyle after the race was red-flagged on the last lap for four separate crashes around the track. Montgomery, who helps design and build the M4 exhaust system, was making his first appearance at Firebird and, although he was pitting out of the back of his SUV, the 44-year-old Texan was a threat in every class he entered.

The GTU contest got off to an unfortunate start when KTM rider Greg Mariani crashed early in the race and had to be air-evacuated to the local hospital with leg and back injuries. After the restart, Kieffer set sail and built up a good lead, but Jared Kapoor caught Kieffer napping on the last lap and stuffed his way up the inside of Kieffer's R6 in the last corner to take the win.

Mark Ledesma handily won the Lightweight Superbike race from Montgomery. Ledesma took the start and dropped into the high 1:12-second range. Within three laps, Ledesma was well clear of Montgomery, and he had built up a 15-second lead by the last lap. This race was also red-flagged on the last lap, when Tom Krause got his Honda Hawk out of shape in turn 12 and collected Chuck Coyle. Coyle went down unhurt, but hard enough to crack his helmet open. Krause went on to finish in fifth.

The Supertwins race featured a good dice between TL1000 rider Scott Willock and Ducati 748 rider Tom Hull. Hull led at the start and it looked like he was going to break away, but Willock reeled him in and made a pass for the lead on lap six. Willock turned a low 1:10-second lap time, but Hull was right on his tail on the last lap and forced the issue in the last corner to take the win.

In the Unlimited Superbike race, there was a big surprise for local racers when Vincent Haskovec took the win going away. The Suzuki rider rode a Cary Andrews-prepared GSXR750 to a big win and collected Suzuki contingency money on his first visit to the Firebird track. **CN**

Results

U/L S/SPT EX: 1. Vincent Haskovec (Suz); 2. Chris Greve (Suz); 3. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 4. Eric Haugo (Suz); 5. Richard Stratton (Yam).
U/L S/SPT AM: 1. Robert Roy (Suz); 2. Gennaro Della Corte (Suz); 3. Chad Rolland (Hon); 4. Joseph Dawson (Suz); 5. Terry Embury (Suz).
H/W S/SPT EX: 1. David Duprey (Suz); 2. Vincent Haskovec (Suz); 3. Chris Greve (Suz); 4. Rory Palmer (Suz); 5. Eric Haugo (Suz).
H/W S/SPT AM: 1. Steve Corbin (Suz); 2. Page Gathings (Suz); 3. Gennaro Della Corte (Suz); 4. Joseph Dawson (Suz); 5. Robert Roy (Suz).
M/W S/SPT EX : 1. Dale Kieffer (Yam); 2. Chris Greve (Yam); 3. Mark Ledesma (Kaw); 4. Rory Palmer (Suz); 5. Jared Kapoor (Yam).
M/W S/SPT AM: 1. Steve Picotte (Yam); 2. Harry Geyer (Suz); 3. Brian Schaefer (Yam); 4. Page Gathings (Suz); 5. Eric Davis (Hon).
L/W S/SPT EX: 1. Laroy Montgomery (Suz); 2. John Jewett (Lav); 3. Scot Welch (Suz); 4. Dave Mills (Suz).
L/W S/SPT AM: 1. Jason Davis (Suz); 2. John I. O'Keefe (Suz); 3. Ray Hymer (Suz); 4. Jim Davis (Suz); 5. Terry Jasper (Yam).
H/W S/BK EX: 1. Vincent Haskovec (Suz); 2. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 3. Chris Greve (Yam); 4. Kent Jacobson (Duc); 5. Eric Haugo (Suz).
H/W S/BK AM: 1. Steve Corbin (Suz); 2. Robert Roy (Suz); 3. Page Gathings (Suz); 4. Terry Embury (Suz); 5. Glen Slagoske (Suz).
M/W S/BK EX: 1. Dale Kieffer (Yam); 2. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 3. Ben Welch (Yam); 4. Mike Noschese (Yam); 5. John Jewett (Suz).
M/W S/BK AM: 1. Steve Picotte (Yam); 2. Eric Davis (Hon); 3. Michael MacLean (Hon); 4. Wade Bowers (Hon); 5. Jack Cox (Suz).
L/W S/BK EX: 1. Mark Ledesma (Kaw); 2. Laroy Montgomery (Suz); 3. Scot Welch (Suz); 4. Justin Desterhouse (Apr); 5. Thomas Krause (Hon).
L/W S/BK AM: 1. Jason Davis (Suz); 2. Roger Coyle (Kaw); 3. Daniel Syllaba (Hon); 4. Roddy Cooper (Kaw); 5. Jim Davis (Suz).
U/L GP EX: 1. Mark Ledesma (Kaw); 2. Dale Kieffer (Yam); 3. David Duprey (Suz); 4. Chris Greve (Yam); 5. Vincent Haskovec (Suz).
M/W GP EX: 1. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 2. Mike Noschese (Yam); 3. James Cox (Yam); 4. John Jewett (Suz); 5. Richard Stratton (Yam).
M/W GP AM: 1. Brian Schaffer (Yam); 2. Page Gathings (Suz); 3. Eric Davis (Hon); 4. Wade Bowers (Hon); 5. Michael MacLean (Hon).
L/W GP EX: 1. Mark Ledesma (Suz); 2. Laroy Montgomery (Suz); 3. Erik Dadej (Hon); 4. Scot Welch (Suz); 5. Thomas Krause (Hon).
L/W GP AM: 1. Roger Coyle (Kaw); 2. Jason Davis (Suz); 3. John I. O'Keefe (Suz); 4. Roddy Cooper (Kaw); 5. Daniel Syllaba (Hon).
GP SGL: 1. Erik Dadej (Hon); 2. Kevin Murray (Yam).
H/W SPTSMN EX: 1. John Jewett (Lav); 2. Thomas Krause (Hon); 3. Scot Welch (Suz); 4. Dave Mills (Suz).
H/W SPTSMN AM: 1. Greg Sterosky (BMW); 2. Ray Hymer (Suz); 3. Thomas Lenz (Bul); 4. David Khoo (Hon).
L/W SPTSMN EX: 1. Dave Mills (Suz); 2. Steven Hymer (Kaw).
L/W SPTSMN AM: 1. Roger Coyle (Kaw); 2. Roddy Cooper (Kaw); 3. Ray Hymer (Kaw); 4. Mark Weiss (BMW).
S/TW EX: 1. Tom Hull (Duc); 2. Scott Willock (Suz); 3. Kent Jacobson (Duc); 4. Tom Chauncey (Duc); 5. Robert Gonzales (Duc).
S/TW AM: 1. Steven Pack (Hon); 2. Thomas Lenz (H-D); 3. Greg Sterosky (BMW); 4. Ray Hymer (Suz); 5. Sammy Bolin (Duc).
F-40 EX: 1. James Cox (Yam); 2. Richard Stratton (Yam); 3. Stephen Peters (Suz); 4. Thomas Krause (Hon).
F-40 AM: 1. Roger Coyle (Kaw); 2. Jim Davis (Hon); 3. Fred Wiebe (Suz); 4. Ray Hymer (Suz); 5. John I. O'Keefe (Suz).
GTO EX: 1. Chris Greve (Yam); 2. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 3. Vincent Haskovec (Suz); 4. Eric Haugo (Suz); 5. Trent Feltman (Kaw).
GTO AM: 1. Robert Roy (Suz); 2. Steve Corbin (Suz); 3. Page Gathings (Suz); 4. Gennaro Della Corte (Suz); 5. Joseph Dawson (Suz).
GTU EX: 1. Jared Kapoor (Yam); 2. Dale Kieffer (Yam); 3. Rory Palmer (Suz); 4. Mike Noschese (Yam); 5. John Jewett (Suz).
GTU AM: 1. Harry Geyer (Suz); 2. Page Gathings (Suz); 3. Michael MacLean (Hon); 4. Raymond Stevens (Kaw); 5. John Teresinski (Hon).
GT/L EX: 1. Laroy Montgomery (Suz); 2. Charles Coyle (Kaw); 3. Mike Kelly (Apr); 4. Michael Ross (Hon); 5. Kevin Murray (Yam).
GT/L AM: 1. Darrell Eik (Hon); 2. Jason Davis (Suz); 3. Roger Coyle (Suz); 4. Thomas Lenz (Bue); 5. Ray Hymer (Suz).

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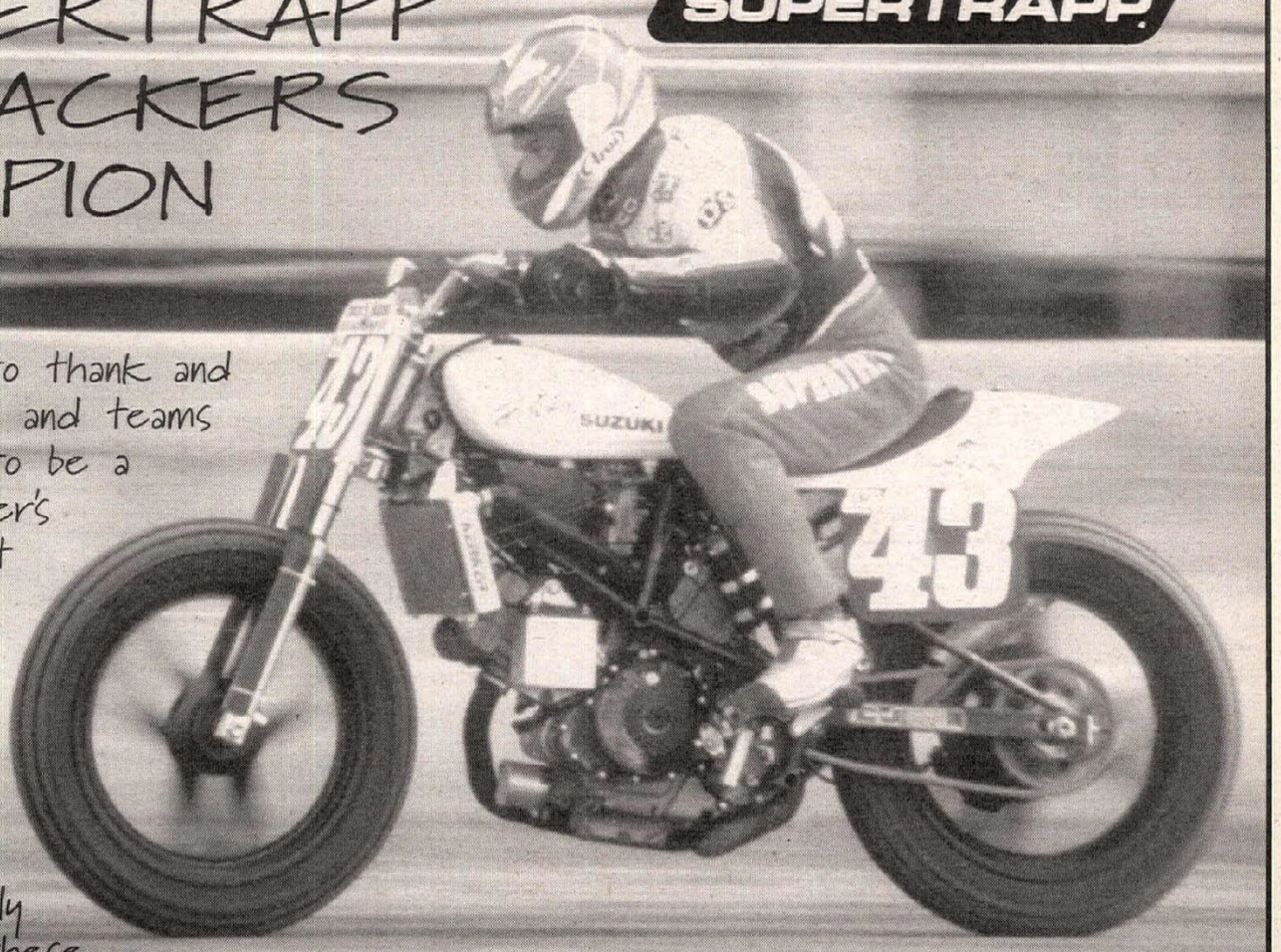

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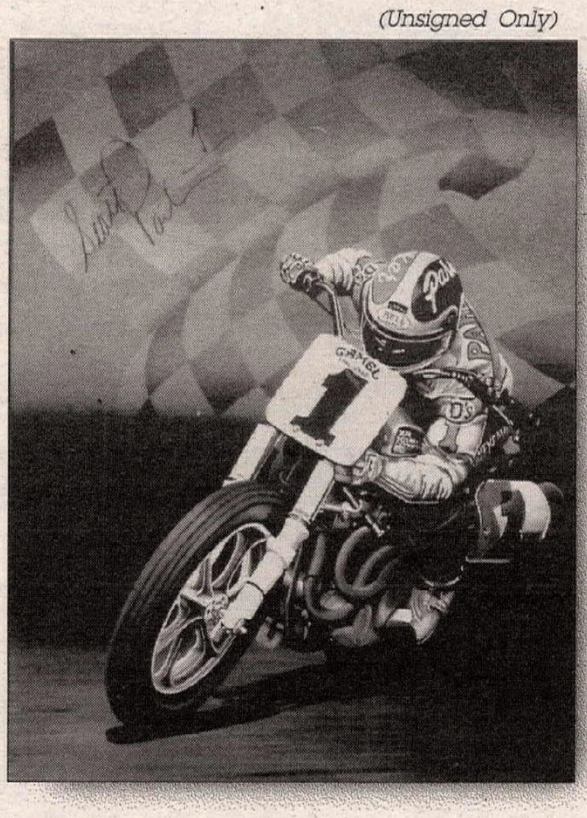

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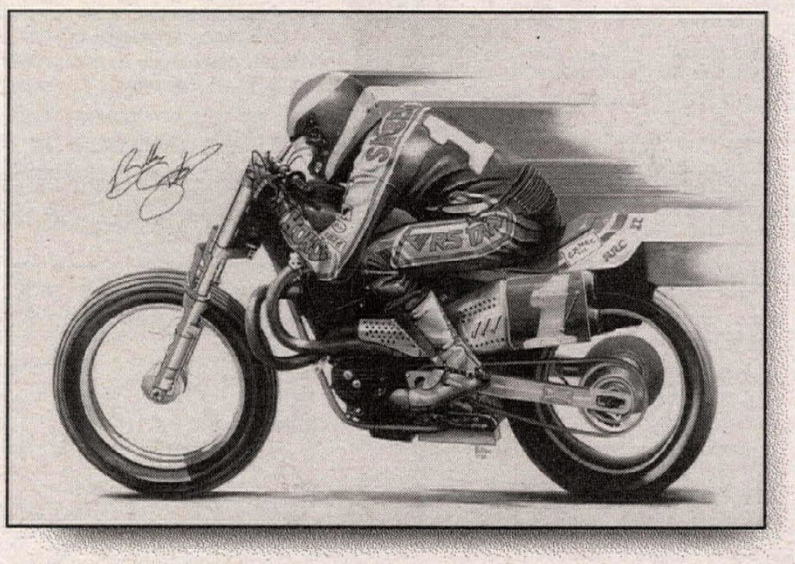

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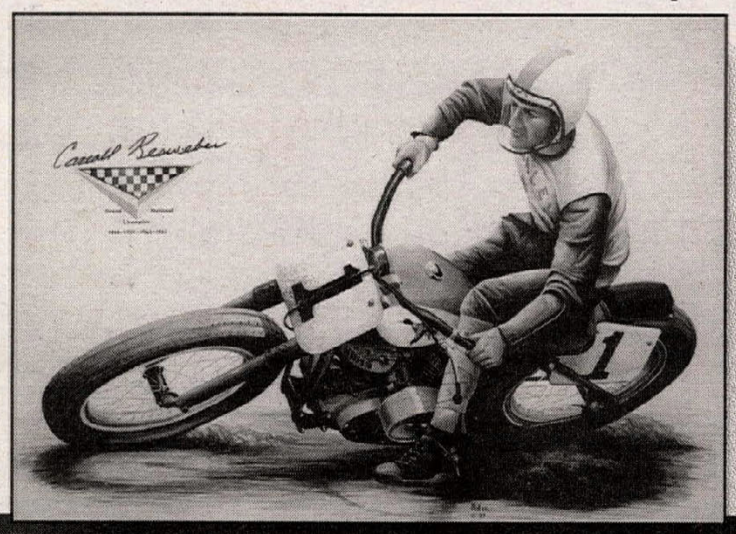

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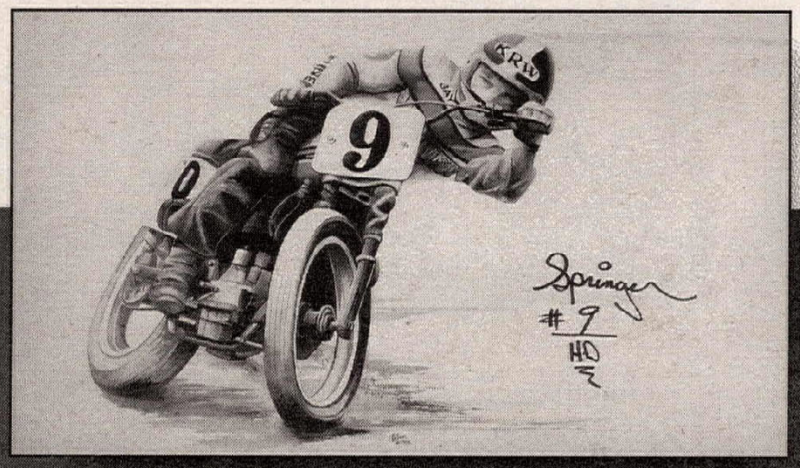

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

FIM World Championship Road Racing Series
10/24 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rnd 16
10/31 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rnd 17
Info: 011/41-22-950-9500

FIM International Six Day Enduro
10/31-11/5 Granada, Spain

AMA/Suzuki Dual Sport Trail Ride Series
10/23-24 Saucier, MS
10/30-31 Terlingua, TX
11/26-27 Los Angeles, CA
Info: 614/856-1900

AMA U.S. Eastern MX Fall Series
10/24 Danville, VA
10/31 Axton, VA
11/7 Dillwyn, VA
Info: 804/724-4392

AMA Southern Dirt Track Series GFTL
11/13-14 Macon, GA
Info: 770/962-7888 or 770/339-3997

12/19 Brentwood, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Dixie Cup Regional Road Race Series
10/23-24 Kershaw, SC

AHRMA Midwest Regional Motocross Series
10/23 Casey, IL
Info: 515/253-0190 or braken@worldnet.att.net

AHRMA Northwest Regional Motocross Series
11/7 Tulare, CA
Info: 408/663-4014 or mlight@mbay.net

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

2000 AMA National Road Racing Series
3/8-12 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 1
4/28-30 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 2
5/5-7 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 3
6/2-4 Braselton, GA, Rnd 4
6/9-11 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 5
6/16-18 Loudon, NH, Rnd 6
7/6-9 Monterey, CA, Rnd 7
7/14-16 Lexington, OH, Rnd 8
7/28-30 Brainerd, MN, Rnd 9
8/11-13 Fountain, CO, Rnd 10

2000 AMA EA Sports Supercross Series
1/8 Anaheim, CA, Rnd 1
1/15 Anaheim, CA, Rnd 2
1/22 San Diego, CA, Rnd 3
1/29 Phoenix, AZ, Rnd 4
2/5 Houston, TX, Rnd 5
2/12 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 6
2/19 Pontiac, MI, Rnd 7
2/26 Atlanta, GA, Rnd 8
3/11 Daytona, FL, Rnd 9
3/18 St. Louis, MO, Rnd 10
3/25 Minneapolis, MN, Rnd 11
4/1 Pontiac, MI, Rnd 12
4/8 Irving, TX, Rnd 13
4/15 New Orleans, LA, Rnd 14
4/29 Joliet, IL, Rnd 15
5/6 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 16

2000 AMA National MX Series
5/14 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 1
5/21 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 2
5/28 Mt. Morris, PA, Rnd 3
6/11 Southwick, MA, Rnd 4
6/18 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 5
7/2 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 6
7/16 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 7
7/23 Troy, OH, Rnd 8
7/30 Washougal, WA, Rnd 9
8/13 Millville, MN, Rnd 10
8/27 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 11
9/3 Delmont, PA, Rnd 12

2000 Acerbis National Enduro Series
2/13 Coalinga, CA, Rnd 1
2/27 Lake Pleasant, AZ, Rnd 2
3/19 Greensboro, GA, Rnd 3
4/9 Belleplain, NJ, Rnd 4
5/27-28 McArthur, OH, Rnd 5
6/3-4 Idaho City, ID, Rnd 6
6/11 Wellston, OH, Rnd 7
6/25 W. Greenwich, RI, Rnd 8
9/17 Wolverine, MI, Rnd 9

2000 National C'ship Hare Scrambles Series
2/6 Hollister, CA, Rnd 1
2/20 Wilseyville, CA, Rnd 2
4/16 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 3
5/7 Good Springs, PA, Rnd 4
5/20 Mitchell City, OR, Rnd 5
7/16 Kahoka, MO, Rnd 6
9/10 Jacksonville, OH, Rnd 7
10/1 Lynnville, IN, Rnd 8
10/15 Bloomingdale, MI, Rnd 9

2000 AMA National C'ship Hare & Hound Series
2/23 Lucerne Valley, CA
3/26 Lucerne Valley, CA
4/2 Murphy, ID
4/15 Delta, UT
4/30 Lucerne Valley, CA
5/13 Jericho, UT
9/23 Jackpot, NV
10/8 Lucerne Valley, CA
10/22 Lucerne Valley, CA

AMA Acerbis National Enduro Series
10/31 Delaware City, DE, Rnd 14
Info: 614/856-1900

AMA National Hare & Hound Series
10/24 Lucerne Valley, CA, Rnd 7
Info: 614/856-1900

AMA Grand National Cross Country Series
10/23-24 Crawfordsville, IN, Rnd 13
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA Prostar National Drag Racing Series
11/12-14 Gainesville, FL, Rnd 8
Info: 256/852-1101

AMA Western Four-Stroke National MX Series
10/23-24 Phoenix, AZ
Info: 503/708-8486 or 503/699-5935 or http://www.4strokenationals.com

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11/5-7 Des Moines, IA
11/12-14 Albany, NY
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1/7-9 Fort Worth, TX
1/14-16 Guthrie, OK
1/21-23 Baltimore, MD
1/28-30 Hampton, VA
2/4-6 Uniondale, NY
2/11-13 Milwaukee, WI
2/18-20 Denver, CO
2/25-27 Sacramento, CA
3/3-5 Salt Lake City, UT
3/10-12 San Jose, CA
3/17-19 Nampa, ID
3/24-26 Tacoma, WA
3/31-4/4 Reno, NV
Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com

AMA/District 36 Vintage/Veteran Dirt Track Series
10/23 Lodi, CA, Rnds 50, 51
Info: 209/466-6781 or 209/883-0639

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10/23 Lodi, CA, Rnds 50, 51
Info: 209/466-6781 or 209/883-0639 or 530/476-3001

AMA/District 37 Grand Prix Big 6 Series
11/6-7 Gorman, CA
Info: 562/423-1889 or 818/352-7085

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
10/30-31 El Centro, CA
11/6-7 Ridgecrest, CA
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AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series
11/7 Fort Hood, TX, Rnd 14
Info: 409/732-9171 or www.flash.net/~tchss.

AMA Georgia Championship MX Series
10/24 Bremen, GA, Rnd 11
11/7 Dalton, GA, Rnd 12
Info: 912/788-0413 or 706/278-1620

AMA/District 34 Family Motocross Series
10/24 Modena, NY
10/31 Walden, NY
11/7 Modena, NY
11/14 Modena, NY
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AMA Tecnosel Carolina Ultra MX Series
10/30-31 Society Hill, SC
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA Pro-Circuit Texas/Oklahoma C'ship Series
11/13-14 Fort Worth, TX, Rnd 5
Info: 903/882-4215

AMA Pirelli, Moose, Parts Unlimited Mid South Winter Hare Scrambles Series
10/24 Lawrenceburg, TN
11/7 Lynnville, IN
11/21 Hohenwald, TN
12/5 Fordsville, KY
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2/13 Van Leer, TN
3/12 Linton, KY
3/26 Charlotte, TN
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SERA Hare Scrambles Series
10/24 Andalusia, AL
11/21 Meridian, MS
1/2 Saucier, MS
1/16 Maplesville, AL
2/6 Meridian, MS
Info: 601/763-7427

SERA Enduro Series
11/7 Maplesville, AL
Info: 205/980-5191

AHRMA/Progressive Suspension Historic Cup Road Race Series
10/23-24 Kershaw, SC
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage Motocross Series
11/7 Tulare, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage Trials Series
10/30 Monroe, GA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA National GP Series
10/24 Casey, IL

AHRMA Southeast Regional Motocross Series
10/31 Edgefield, SC
11/14 Reddick, FL
Info: 770/979-8310 or kavula_m@mercer.edu

AHRMA Southeast Regional Trials Series
10/31 Monroe, GA
Info: 334/826-1969

AHRMA Southwest Regional Motocross Series
11/7 Tulare, CA
11/21 Phoenix, AZ
Info: 714/965-0660

AHRMA Western Regional Dirt Track Series
10/23-24 Tulare, CA
Info: 818/992-5343

AHRMA/Eldorado Cycle Midwest Trials Series
10/30 Marshfield, MO
Info: 417/859-4158

AHRMA Vintage MX Series
11/7 Greenwood, MO
Info: 816/767-8641

AHRMA VMX Northeast Regional MX Series
10/23 Hawley, PA
Info: 914/429-9465 or www.vintagemx.com

EVO Sports Vintage MX Series
11/7 Tyler, TX
11/21 Beaumont, TX
12/5 Lake Jackson, TX
12/19 Houston, TX
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10/31 Morganton, NC
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10/24 Lawrenceburg, TN
11/7 Lynnville, IN
11/21 Hohenwald, TN
12/5 Fordsville, KY
12/12 Jonesboro, IL
1/9 Maplesville, AL
1/23 Mt. Pleasant, TN
2/6 New Johnsonville, TN
2/13 Van Leer, TN
3/12 Linton, KY
3/26 Charlotte, TN
Info: 615/859-0873

SETRA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
10/31 Union, SC, Rnd 4
11/14 Bybee, TN, Rnd 5
11/28 Wedgefield, SC, Rnd 6
12/5 Washington, GA, Rnd 7
12/12 Hemingway, SC, Rnd 8
12/19 Union Point, GA, Rnd 9
1/8 Maplesville, AL, Rnd 10
2/5 Edgefield, SC, Rnd 11
2/12 Abbeville, SC, Rnd 12
2/19 Macon, GA, Rnd 13
2/26 Perry, GA, Rnd 14
3/12 Macon, GA, Rnd 15
3/26 Cross Anchor, SC, Rnd 16
4/2 Morganton, NC, Rnd 17
4/16 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 18
4/30 Foreston, SC, Rnd 19
Info: 888/775-9377 or 770/707-0615

SETRA C'ship Enduro Series
11/7 Maplesville, AL, Rnd 6
1/15 Charleston, SC, Rnd 7
1/22 TBD, Rnd 8
1/29 Wedgefield, SC, Rnd 9
3/5 Pelion, SC, Rnd 10
3/9 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 11
3/19 Greensboro, GA, Rnd 12
4/9 Union Point, GA, Rnd 13
5/7 Olustee, FL, Rnd 14
5/28 Clanton, AL, Rnd 15
Info: 877/738-7211

Best In The Desert Racing Association Silver State Series
12/3-5 Pahrump, NV, Rnd 5
Info: 702/457-5775 or www.bitd.com

District 36 Northern California Enduro Series
10/24 Elkins Flat, CA, Rnd 7
10/31 Redding, CA, Rnd 8
11/6 Upper Lake, CA, Rnd 9
11/14 Stonyford, CA, Rnd 10
Info: 925/458-9867

District 36 Family Enduro Series
11/7 Foresthill, CA, Rnd 2
11/21 Springs, CA, Rnd 3
Info: 925/458-9867

Mid-Atlantic Vintage Trials
10/30 Middletown, PA
Info: 410/775-7209

STRA Championship Series
10/23-24 Sequatchie, TN
11/6-7 Clermont, GA
12/4-5 Millerville, AL
Info: www.avana.net/~japi/stra/index.html

KORR Hare Scrambles Series
11/14 Marion, KS
11/21 Wichita, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

KORR Fall Motocross Series
10/24 Marion, KS
11/7 Beaver, KS
12/12 Sterling, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

CMC Trans-Cal MX Nationals
Final Showdown
10/23-24 Marysville, CA
Info: 949/367-1141

O'Neal CMA C'ship Series
10/31 Rancho Cordova, CA, Rnd 1
11/7 Dixon, CA, Rnd 2
11/13 Marysville, CA, Rnd 3
11/21 Rancho Cordova, CA, Rnd 4
11/28 Livermore, CA, Rnd 5
Info: 559/673-8080 or 415/587-8678

KTMXA Motocross Series
10/24 Milan, TN
10/31 White Plains, KY
Info: 901/642-0511

GNC Top Texan Series
10/24 Alvord, TX
11/21 Ft. Worth, TX
Info: 214/351-9900 or www.gncmx.com

International Old-Timers Motocross Series
10/30-31 Adelanto, CA, Rnd 10
Info: 253/840-0466 or
www.seanet.com/~russr

North American Sport Bike Series
10/22-24 Daytona Beach, FL
Info: 828/684-4297

GFI Elsinore Grand Prix
11/13 Lake Elsinore, CA
11/14 Lake Elsinore, CA
Info: 909/653-4042

GFI Fall Motocross Series
10/24 San Bernardino, CA
Info: 909/653-4042

Northwest Regional MX Series
11/7 Tulare, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 408/663-4014

La Playa Motocross Grand Prix Series
12/5 Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 5
Info: 011/52-661-22525 or
www.toomuchfun.com.mx

WERA National Endurance Road Race Series
TBA Braselton, GA, Rnd 11
Info: 770/924-8404

NETRA Championship Enduro Series
10/31 Brimfield, MA
11/7 West Stafford, CT
11/14 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Turkey Run Series
10/24 Central Village, CT
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NETRA Championship Junior Enduro Series
10/30 Brimfield, MA
11/6 Winchendon, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

Carolina Ultra Series
10/30-31 Society Hill, SC
Info: 423/323-5497

Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit Series
11/14 Matador, TX
Info: 307/742-4136

Missouri State Motocross Championship Series
10/24 Columbia, MO
Info: 417/887-3524

Missouri-Illinois Trials Association
11/7 Oakdale, IL
Info: 618/362-6568

CMRRA 50cc/125cc Championship Road Race Series
11/6-7 Rosamond, CA
12/3-5 Rosamond, CA
Info: 909/674-5357

WSMC Road Race Series
11/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 805/256-1234

Galpin Ford Dual Sport Adventure Series
10/23-24 Hot Springs, CA, Rnd 7
11/21 Newhall, CA, Rnd 8
Info: 818/701-1913

Desert Challenge Bikes & ATV Series
11/21 Globe, AZ
Info: 602/971-3730

Trials Incorporated Championship Trials Series
11/6-7 TBA
Info: 937/299-1501

STTARS Super TT American Racing Series
Triple Crown National Championship
12/11 Bakersfield, CA
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11/13-14 Seattle, WA
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12/11 Bakersfield, CA
12/12 Buttonwillow, CA
Fall Stadium Series
10/23 Irwindale, CA
12/11 Bakersfield, CA
Info: 949/768-4626 or www.supertt.com

USRA Desert Series
11/6 Grand Junction, CO
Info: 801/569-1998

CCS/Florida State Motorcycle Roadracing Championship
12/4-5 Homestead, FL*
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Info: 828/684-4297 or www.ccsracing.com

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11/6-7 Kershaw, SC*
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10/21-24 Daytona Beach, FL

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10/21-24 Daytona Beach, FL
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KB Racing Promotions NorCal Championship MX Series
10/22 Sacramento, CA
Info: 916/682-6123 or
www.jps.net/kbracing

Meadowlark Hare Scrambles Series
10/24 Amherst, OH
Info: 216/988-3133 or 216/988-9100

Southeastern Mini Roadracing Association Series
11/17 Concord, NC
Info: 704/932-6179 or 704/784-1767

MRAN Desert Series
10/30-31 Mercury, NV
11/20-21 Searchlight, NV
Info: 702/437-MRAN

Southern California Flat Track C'ship Series
10/23 Temecula, CA
11/21 Temecula, CA
Info: 619/277-1591

Southern Illinois Hare Scrambles Series
10/31 White City, IL
Info: 618/235-4777

Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series
10/24 Dillwyn, VA
11/7 Surry, VA
Info: 757/255-4620 or 540/980-0591

ECEA C'ship Enduro Series
10/24 New Gretna, NJ
10/31 Delaware City, DE
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
11/7 Warren Grove, NJ
11/14 New Lisbon, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Dual Sport Series
11/21 Belle Plain, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

Unlimited Sports Florida Gold Cup Series
10/24 Gainesville, FL
Info: 904/935-6872

Unlimited Sports Florida Winter AM Series
1/1-2 Gainesville, FL
1/9 Reddick, FL
1/16 Ocala, FL
1/23 Dade City, FL
1/30 Gainesville, FL
Info: 904/935-6872

Unlimited Sports Winter National Olympics
11/22-27 Gainesville, FL
Info: 904/935-6872

AMX Grand Canyon State Championship Series
10/24 Wittman, AZ
11/17 Cottonwood, AZ
11/21 Ocotillo, AZ
11/28 Wittman, AZ
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* GEORGIA ARENACROSS - AMA, Georgia State Arenacross Championships, Georgia State Fair, Central City Park, Macon. Info: 912/475-5711.

Fri, Oct 22

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - KB Racing Promotions, night race, Sacramento Raceway Park, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123 or www.jps.net/kbracing.

CALIFORNIA FREERIDE MOTOCROSS - Freeride Motocross Championships, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 310/589-0633.

Oct 23-24

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Adventure Series, Riders of the Round Table, Rnd 7, California Hot Springs. Info: 818/701-1913 or www.dualdogs.com.

CALIFORNIA MINI ROAD RACE - Northern California Mini Road Racing Association, Prairie City SVRA, Sacramento. Info: 916/722-5517 or ncmrra@aol.com.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC Trans-Cal MX Nationals Final Showdown, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Association of California Trailriders, Mendocino Forest, Upper Lake. Info: 888/ACT-NEWS or www.dualsportadventures.com.

MISSISSIPPI ENDURO - Gulf Coast Sandblasters, Saucier. Info: 228/392-1404.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - AMA, Full Throttle Racing Inc., Lebanon Tennessee Fairgrounds, Lebanon. Info: 615/255-5556.

TENNESSEE OBSERVED TRIALS - AMA, STRA, Trials Training Center, Sequatchie. Info: 423/942-8688 or www.kaila.net/stra/index.html.

Sat, Oct 23

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - REM Saturday Motocross, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA FLAT TRACK - Southern California Flat Track Championship Series, San Diego Flat Track Association, Temecula. Info: 619/277-1591.

CALIFORNIA SHORT TRACK & TT - Lodi MC, AMA, District 36, Lodi Cycle Bowl, Lodi. Info: 209/833-0639 or 209/368-7182.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - OTHG, Over The Hill Gang, Bay Area chapter, Madera. Info: 408/930-5293 or www.othg.com.

* CALIFORNIA SUPER TT - STTARS Super TT Fall Stadium Series, Rnd 4, Irwindale Speedway, Irwindale. Info: 949/768-4626 or www.supertt.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMXR MotoPro Autumn Series, Rnd 3, Woman's Day, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 888/550-MOTO.

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET - Long Beach Cycle Show & Swap Meet, Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Long Beach. Info: 714/557-1846.

CALIFORNIA OPEN HOUSE - Pro Italia Motors, Meet Ben Bostrom, Team V&H Ducati, Fast Dates Calendar Model, Glendale. Info: 818/249-5707.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - RS Racing, MX Fall Series, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 559/661-0706.

* GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Georgia Triplecross Series, Rnd 10, Bremen Race Park, Bremen. Info: 770/941-8464 or 770/537-0219 or dirtman1@mindspring.com.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS/ MOTOCROSS - Highway 106 SX/MX, Mega Motorsports of Toccoa, night race, Toccoa. Info: 706/886-5284.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Georgia State Championship Series, Monroe Offroad Ranch, night race, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

IDAHO SHORT TRACK - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Outdoor Short Track, Boise. Info: 208/922-3353.

* INDIANA MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 15, night race, Podium One Motoplex, Charlestown. Info: 812/256-5517 or podium1.com.

INDIANA CROSS COUNTRY - Racer Productions, Youth Bike Grand National Cross Country, Ironman, Crawfordsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Racer's Edge MX, Baxter Springs. Info: 417/833-1574.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 14, Dirt Riders Motosports, Log Road MX, Coldwater. Info: 419/636-5430 or 419/636-7462.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Finger Lakes State Park, Columbia. Info: 314/488-3174.

OHIO MOTOCROSS - Dirt Country Raceway, AMA, District 11, Blanchester. Info: 513/625-7350 or 513/625-9987.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - ARP, Ascot Park, night race, Fort Smith. Info: 501/474-1561.

* OREGON BANQUET - 16th annual North West Old Timers, Holiday Inn, Portland. Info: 503/232-9253.

* TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - Jamestown MX Park, Rnd 12, Jamestown. Info: 931/879-8557 or 879-7459.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Village Creek Motocross Park, night race, Fort Worth. Info: 817/572-7713 or 483-5028 or www.villagecreekmx.com.

* VIRGINIA SHORT TRACK - Virginia Outlaw Series, Lizard Ridge Raceway, Bedford. Info: 540/586-1824 or 540/464-4606.

Sun, Oct 24

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama State Championship, Non-Series Promo Race, Atmore MX Park. Info: 334/368-6118.

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Rocket City Raceway Inc., Alabama State Championship Series, Brownsboro. Info: 256/772-3075 or 461-4842.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX, Rnd 6, Grand Canyon State C'ships, Final Round, AMA Western Four-Stroke Nationals, Speedworld, Wittman. Info: 623/815-1790.

ARKANSAS MOTOCROSS - Arkansas Motorsport Park, Donaldson. Info: 501/778-5712.

* ARKANSAS HARE SCRAMBLES - Dirt Bike Mike Promotions, Arkansas Hare Scrambles Series, Lost Creek Park, Amity. Info: 870/342-5373.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA GP, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 714/957-2985.

CALIFORNIA TT - Lodi MC, 100cc Four-Stroke TT National, AMA, District 36, Lodi Cycle Bowl, Lodi. Info: 209/833-0639 or 209/368-7182.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Fall Series North/South Showdown, Glen Helen Raceway. Info: 909/341-8002.

CALIFORNIA QUALIFIER - Polka Dots MC, Eldorado National Forest, Placerville. Info: 916/965-9073 or polkadot@gvn.net.

CALIFORNIA QUALIFIER - Polka Dot MC, AMA, District 36, El Dorado National Forest Elkins Flat. Info: 916/353-1042.

CALIFORNIA HARE & HOUND - Hare & Hound National, 100s MC, Montclair Yamaha, Rock Pile, Johnson Valley. Info: 909/985-2242.

CALIFORNIA HARE AND HOUND - AMA National, District 37, 100's MC, Bessemer Mine Road, Johnson Valley open area, Lucerne Valley. Info: 909/946-8193 or www.district37ama.org.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC, Sponsorship Series, Star West, Moreno Valley. Info: 661/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - SSC MX/Thousand Oaks Winter Warm-Up Series, Hungry Valley SVRA, MX International Track, Gorman. Info: 661/294-0020 or www.sscmx.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC Motocross, Barona Oaks. Info: 760/752-8252 or www.baronaaoks.com.

CANADA TRAIL AND DUAL SPORT - Blair Sharpless & Company, Great Pine Trail Ride, Ganaraska Forest. Info: 905/666-9734.

CONNECTICUT TRIALS - New England Trials Association, Stantack Road, Meriden. Info: 781/938-9298.

* DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delaware Motosports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Georgia Championship MX Series, AMA, Wings & Wheels, Breman Raceway, Breman. Info: 770/941-8464 or dirtman1@mindspring.com.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Reedy Creek Motocross, Jesup. Info: 912/588-0225.

INDIANA CROSS COUNTRY - Racer Productions Inc., Ironman, Crawfordsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Green Acres MX, KORR MX Fall Series, Marion. Info: 316/382-2915.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Daniel Boone MX, Throttle Jockey Final, London. Info: 606/877-1364 or www.mxaction.com.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 14, Dirt Riders Motorsports, Log Road Motocross, Coldwater. Info: 419/636-5430 or 419/636-7462.

* MISSISSIPPI MOTOCROSS - MX 886, Last Race, Pontotoc. Info: 662/489-8316.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Fall Track Series, Grain Valley MX Park, Grain Valley. Info: 816/331-6934.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Finger Lakes State Park, Missouri State Series, Rnd 8, Columbia. Info: 314/488-3174.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Motorsports, AMA, District 18, Fall Series, Rnd 5, Kahoka. Info: 660/727-3301.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Great Plains Promotions, White Sands Raceway MX Park, Ashland. Info: 402/556-5801 or wsrmxpark@worldnet.att.com.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA, Broome-Tioga Sports Center Inc., Binghamton. Info: 607/849-4438 or www.broom-tioga.com.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Motocross, Fall/Winter Series, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342 or 828/635-8635.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA, Proffer Promotions, Big Valley Raceway, East Palestine. Info: 330/538-2220.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Sunset Ramblers MC, MX Series, Rnd 5, Galion. Info: 419/562-6931 or 562-7325.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA, Wild Wilderness Raceway, Logan. Info: 740/385-9344.

OKLAHOMA CROSS COUNTRY - Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Stillwater. Info: 405/390-5227.

PENNSYLVANIA TURKEY POKER RUN - Pagoda Motorcycle Club, AMA, District 6, Birdsboro. Info: 610/582-3717.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Flying Dutchmen MC, AMA, District 6 Championship, Pine Grove. Info: 570/345-6340.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Western New York Offroad Association, High Siders Offroad Riders, Rome. Info: 570/247-2255 or harescrambler@webtv.net.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - KTMXA, TNT MX Park, Milan. Info: 901/987-9633.

* TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Lawrenceburg. Info: 615/859-0873 or www.msws.org.

TEXAS TT - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Grand Saline. Info: 903/962-6623.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - GNC Top Texan Series, Oak Hill MX, Alvord. Info: 214/351-9900 or www.gncmx.com.

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* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 13, Birch Creek Motosports Inc., Rnd 7, U.S. Eastern Fall Series, Birch Creek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC, Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV Park, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

Oct 30-31

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - Toys For Tots Off-Road Poker Run, High Desert Charities Bureau of Land Management, Barstow. Info: 760/252-3093.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - International Old-timers MX, Riverside Old-timers. Info: 253/840-0466 or http://www.seeanet.com/~russr.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA, District 37, Countdown, Motel 6, Ridgecrest. Info: 818/348-8381 or www.district37ama.org.

MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - Baja Acres, Birch Run Road, Millington. Info: 517/871-3356.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Cycle World, AMA, District 18, Hawk Point. Info: 314/338-4090.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS MOUNTAIN BIKES - Cooperland & AM, Cooperland Raceway, Stillwater. Info: 405/743-1515 or www.cooperland.com.

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - South Carolina State Championship, Victory Sports, AMA, Carolina Ultra Series, Rnd 11. Info: 423/323-5497.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - AMA, Full Throttle Racing Inc., Lebanon Tennessee Fairgrounds, Lebanon. Info: 615/255-5556.

TEXAS TRAIL RIDE - Trail Riders of Houston, Terlingua. Info: 281/376-4726.

Sat, Oct 30

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - REM Saturday Motocross, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - The Association of California Trailriders, B&C Series, District 36/ACT, Sopiago Springs, Buckhorn. Info: 888/ACTNEWS.

* CALIFORNIA SHORT TRACK - Motowest Racing, Club-Moto Raceway, Livermore. Info: 415/587-8678.

CALIFORNIA FREERIDE MOTOCROSS - Freeride Motocross Championships, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, San Jose. Info: 310/589-0633.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - RS Racing, MX Fall Series, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 559/661-0706.

* GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Outback Range & Recreational Center, Mitchell Run Track, Hazlehurst. Info: 912/375-0765.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Georgia State Championship Series, Final Round, Monroe Offroad Ranch, night race, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

MASSACHUSETTS TRAIL RIDE - New England Trail Rider Association, Nervous Novice, Parent-Child, Brimfield. Info: 860/875-5757.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Sprout Patch MX, Billings. Info: 417/744-2593.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA, Vinton MX Park, McArthur. Info: 740/756-1267.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - ARP, Ascot Park, night race, Fort Smith. Info: 501/474-1561.

PENNSYLVANIA TRIALS - Mid-Atlantic Vintage Trials Series, Middletown. Info: 410/775-7209.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Village Creek Motocross Park, night race, Fort Worth. Info: 817/572-7713 or 483-5028 or www.villagecreekmx.com.

Sun, Oct 31

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, Central California O'Neal Series, Hanford. Info: 209/673-8080.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - California Cross Summer Series, Hangtown National Track, Prairie City SVRA. Info: 916/782-8511 or www.californiacross.com.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - The Association of California Trailriders, District 36/ACT, Sopiago Springs, Buckhorn. Info: 888/ACTNEWS.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, Oneal Series, Nor-Cal/Motowest Racing, Prairie City SVRA, Sacramento. Info: 916/782-8511.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC, Sponsorship Series, LACR, Info: 661/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/GFI Gold Cup Octoberfest Series, Rnd 1, Oatfield Race Way, Turlock. Info: 209/656-9682.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC Motocross, Barona Oaks. Info: 760/752-8252 or www.baronaoaks.com.

* DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delaware Motosports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Florida State Championship Series, Hard Rock Cycle Park, Ocala. Info: 352/732-6697.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - County Line MX Park, Fountain. Info: 850/769-9505 or 722-7616.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS/ MOTOCROSS - Highway 106 SX/MX, Mega Motorsports of Toccoa, night race, Toccoa. Info: 706/886-5284.

GEORGIA OFFROAD RACE - Monroe Offroad Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

* IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee MC Grounds, Boise. Info: 208/922-3353.

IDAHO SHORT TRACK - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Outdoor Short Track, Boise. Info: 208/922-3353.

* ILLINOIS HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, SOIL Series, Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders, White City. Info: 618/235-4777.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - KTMXA, Apex Valley Raceway, White Plains. Info: 502/886-8564

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek MX Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

* MISSISSIPPI SUPERCROSS - North Mississippi MX Association, Corinth. Info: 662/287-9665 or mrutledge@tsixroads.com.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Possum Hollow MX, Halltown. Info: 417/581-1977.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Wide Open Moto-Park, Lebanon. Info: 417/588-9777.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - X2 MX, Grain Valley. Info: 816/331-6934.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Cornhusker Motocross Circuit, Alma. Info: 308/345-3744.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Western New York Motocross Inc., Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517 or www.frozen-ocean.com.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA, Broome-Tioga Sports Center Inc., Binghamton. Info: 607/849-4438 or www.broome-tioga.com.

* NORTH CAROLINA HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-East Hare Scrambles, State Line Motorcycle Club, Rock House, Morganton. Info: 704/937-9177 or 704/484-9000.

SOUTH CAROLINA HARE SCRAMBLES - Setra Championship Hare Scrambles Series, Rnd 4, Little Brown Jug Hare Scramble, Union. Info: 888/775-9377 or 770/707-0615 or www.setra.org.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 13, U.S. Eastern Motocross Fall Series, Lake Sugar Tree, Axton. Info: 336/342-9027.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC, Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV Park, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

Nov 5-7

* IOWA ARENACROSS - Pace National Arenacross Series, Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Des Moines. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Nov 6-7

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - AMA, District 37, Prospectors MC, Hungry Valley SVRA, Gorman. Info: 562/421-0128 or www.district37ama.org.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA, District 37, Countdown, Motel 6, Ridgecrest. Info: 818/348-8381 or www.district37ama.org.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - AMA, Full Throttle Racing Inc., Lebanon Tennessee Fairgrounds, Lebanon. Info: 615/255-5556.

TEXAS MOTOCROSS - NMA Fall Motocross Championships, night race. Info: 806/385-4577.

Sat, Nov 6

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - 53rd annual Cowbell Enduro, Hayward MC, Middle Creek Campground, Upper Lake. Info: 925/828-7518.

* CANADA ARENACROSS - Too Trick Racing, Canadian Arenacross Championships, Abbotsford, B.C. Info: 604/852-0484.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - West Florida MX Park, Milton. Info: 850/623-6038

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS/MOTOCROSS - Highway 106 Supercross/Motocross, Mega Motorsports of Toccoa, night race, Toccoa. Info: 706/886-5284.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Village Creek Motocross Park, Shelby Road, Fort Worth. Info: 817/572-7713 or 483-5028 or www.villagecreekmx.com.

Sun, Nov 7

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama State Championship Series, Ironman, Warrior. Info: 205/663-2512 or 205/647-9357.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, O'Neal Norcal Series, Motowest Racing, Argyll MX Park, Dixon. Info: 707/678-3592 or 415/587-8678.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC, Sponsorship Series, Edwards AFB, Edward. Info: 661/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/GFI Gold Cup Octoberfest Series, Rnd 2, Hollister Hills GP Track, Hollister. Info: 209/656-9682.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES/CC - AMA District 36, Dirt Diggers North MC Inc. Prairie City SVRA, District 36 Cross Country Series, Rancho Cordova. Info: 800/Hangtown or 916/984-1167 or www.hangtownmx.com.

DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delmarva Short Track Championship, Delaware Motor Sports Inc. Info: 302/629-6535 or 302/422-8661.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Florida State Championship Series, Motocross of Marion County, Reddick. Info: 352/732-6697.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Georgia Championship, AMA, Rnd 12, Lazy River MX Ranch, Chatsworth. Info: 706/278-1620.

* INDIANA HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Lynnville. Info: 615/859-0873 or www.msws.org.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Racer's Edge MX, Baxter Springs. Info: 417/833-1574.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, Eagle Creek MC Park, Mason Lane, Owenton. Info: 606/472-3442.

MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Antietam MC, Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 797-1607 or members.aol.com/antietammcindex.htm.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Buffalo MX, Fall Series, Rnd 2. Info: 417/345-6981.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Challenge Trax, CT Fall Series, Rnd 6, Kingsville. Info: 816/779-5020.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - HLR Motorsports Park, AMA, District 18, Moberly. Info: 660/263-4296.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Motocross, Fall/Winter Series, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342 or 828/635-8635.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Sunset Ramblers MC, Galion. Info: 419/562-6931 or 562-7325.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX Park, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036 or www.doublingap.com.

TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Vintage Iron 6th annual Fall Series, Evo-Sports Inc., Swan MX, Tyler. Info: 281/265-1412.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Grand Saline. Info: 903/962-6623 or jenil@flash.net.

WASHINGTON HARE SCRAMBLES - Eastern Washington Dirt Riders Association, Richland. Info: 509/582-6718 or 967-2404 or www.nwinfo.net/kawabike/ewdra.htm.

Nov 12-14

* NEW YORK ARENACROSS - PACE National Arenacross Series, Pepsi Arena, Albany. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Nov 13-14

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - West Coast Youth National, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 661/942-6040.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - AMA, Full Throttle Racing Inc., Lebanon Tennessee Fairgrounds, Lebanon. Info: 615/255-5556.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Pro-Circuit, Texas/Oklahoma Regional Classic, AMA, Village Creek Motocross Park, Shelby Road, Fort Worth. Info: 817/572-7713 or 483-5028 or www.villagecreekmx.com.

WASHINGTON SUPER TT - STTARS Super TT Series, Northwest Region, Seattle Int'l Raceway, Seattle. Info: 949/768-4626 or www.supertt.com.

Sat, Nov 13

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC, Marysville MX, Riverfront Park, night race, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727 or http://marysvillemx.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMXR MotoPro Autumn Series, Rnd 4, Mini Day, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 888/550-MOTO.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, Oneal Series, Nor-Cal, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - RS Racing, MX Fall Series, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 559/661-0706.

GEORGIA OFFROAD RACE - Monroe Offroad Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

* VIRGINIA FLAT-TRACK - Mid-Bay Raceway and Elliott Racing, Saluda. Info: 804/758-3906 or www.midbayraceway.com.

Sun, Nov 14

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama State C'ship Series, Chandler Mountain MX Park, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

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* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Alabama State Championship, Kilpatrick Motocross, Albertville. Info: 256/561-3495 or kmotox@airnet.net.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX, Rnd 7, Grand Canyon State Championships, Verde Valley Motorplex, Cottonwood. Info: 520/639-0387.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - OTHG, Over The Hill Gang, Bay Area chapter, Carnegie SVRA, Tracy. Info: 408/930-5293 or www.othg.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Riverside Old Timers, Gorman. Info: 714/996-8327.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA, District 37, Malcolm Smith Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway Park, San Bernardino. Info: 909/687-1300 or www.malcolmsmith.com.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - CRC, Sponsorship Series, Wild Turkey GP, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 661/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/GFI Gold Cup Octoberfest Series, Rnd 3, Carnegie Cycle Park, Livermore. Info: 209/656-9682.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - SSC MX/Thousand Oaks Winter Warm-Up Series, Hungry Valley SVRA, MX International Track, Gorman. Info: 661/294-0020 or www.sscmx.com.

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GEORGIA SUPERCROSS/ MOTOCROSS - Highway 106 SX/MX, Mega Motorsports of Toccoa, night race, Toccoa. Info: 706/886-5284.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Racer's Edge MX, Baxter Springs. Info: 417/833-1574.

KANSAS HARE SCRAMBLES - Green Acres MX, KORR Hare Scramble Series, Marion. Info: 316/382-2915.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Possum Hollow MX, Halltown. Info: 417/581-1977.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Extreme Park, Merwin. Info: 660/267-3400.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Finger Lakes State Park, AMA, District 18, Columbia. Info: 314/488-3174.

NEW YORK HARE SCRAMBLES - ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles, Tri-State Motorcycle Club, Lembo Lake. Info: 914/566-4956.

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OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Turkey Run, Mansfield Motorcycle Club, Club Grounds, Mansfield. Info: 419/524-2554 or 589-2856.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX Park, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036 or www.doublingap.com

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Setra Championship Hare Scrambles Series, Rnd 5, Volunteer Hare Scrambles, Bybee. Info: 888/775-9377 or 770/707-0615 or www.setra.org.

Wed, Nov 17

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Moto-X-West, Nevada Old Timers, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 775/423-8226 or jaja@phonewave.net.

NORTH CAROLINA ROAD RACE - Southeastern Mini Roadracing Association, Concord Motor Speedway, Concord. Info: 704/932-6179 or 704/784-1767.

Nov 19-20

* MISSISSIPPI ARENACROSS - AMA, Checkered Flag Productions, Crossroads Arena, Corinth. Info: 940/683-4742 or cfpracing.com.

Nov 19-21

* MASSACHUSETTS ARENACROSS - PACE National Arenacross Series, Centrum, Worcester. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

TEXAS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Team Powersports, Cycle World 2000 International Motorcycle Shows, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

Nov 20-21

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CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC Motocross, Barona Oaks. Info: 760/752-8252 or www.baronaoaks.com.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Cycle World, AMA, District 18, Hawk Point. Info: 314/338-4090.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - AMA, Full Throttle Racing Inc., Lebanon Tennessee Fairgrounds, Lebanon. Info: 615/255-5556.

Sat, Nov 20

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET - Long Beach Cycle Show & Swap Meet, Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Long Beach. Info: 714/557-1846.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - RS Racing, MX Fall Series, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 559/661-0706.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - West Florida Motocross Park, Milton. Info: 850/623-6038.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS/ MOTOCROSS - Highway 106 SX/MX, Mega Motorsports of Toccoa, night race, Toccoa. Info: 706/886-5284.

Sun, Nov 21

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Rocket City Raceway Inc., Alabama State Championship Series, Brownsboro. Info: 256/772-3075 or 461-4842.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX, Rnd 8, Grand Canyon State C'ships, Ocotillo Raceway, Eloy. Info: 520/743-7727.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - OTHG, Over The Hill Gang, Bay Area chapter, Oatfield, Turlock. Info: 408/930-5293 or www.othg.com.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - California Cross Summer Series, Hangtown National Track, Prairie City SVRA. Info: 916/782-8511 or www.californiacross.com.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - 10th annual Dog Run, Team Dual Dogs, Dick Allen's Dealership, Newhall. Info: 818/701-1913.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Riverside Old Timers, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 714/996-8327.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, Oneal Series, Nor-Cal/Motowest Racing, Prairie City SVRA, Sacramento. Info: 916/782-8511.

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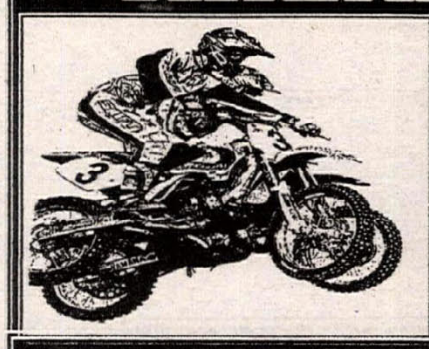

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10/21/99	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2	10/27/99	4:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
10/21/99	7:00 PM	Bike Week - Dave Despain, host	Speed	10/28/99	6:00 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2
10/22/99	10:00 PM	FIM World GP 125 - South Africa	Speed	10/28/99	7:00 PM	Bike Week - Dave Despain, host	Speed
10/23/99	3:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	10/30/99	4:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
10/24/99	9:00 PM	FIM World GP 250 Rio de Janeiro (Same Day Delay)	Speed	10/31/99	9:00 PM	FIM World GP 250 Argentina (Same Day Delay)	Speed
10/24/99	10:00 PM	FIM World GP 500 Rio de Janeiro (Same Day Delay)	Speed	10/31/99	10:00 PM	FIM World GP 500 Argentina (Same Day Delay)	Speed

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Motocross
Galion Sunset Ramblers
Galion, OH
October 3
By Michael Davis

50 D-1
Brandon MacLean KTM
A.J. Defibaugh KTM
Justin Lewis KTM
Mathew Blum KTM
50 D-2
Drew Bush Yam
Mathew Blum Yam
Kale McCune Yam
Danny Roetzel Yam
Derek Zeiter Yam
MICRO B
Matt Webster Suz
60
Zach Ames KTM
Austin Stout Kaw
Ryan Titus Kaw
Cody Minard Kaw
Josh O'Neil Kaw
MINI JR
Zach Ames Suz
Craig Thomas Hon
Kyle McConnell Suz
Bobby Roetzel Yam
Jon Crist Hon
MINI SR
Dillon Watkins Suz
Kyle McConnell Suz
Shawn Hughes Hon
Craig Thomas Hon
Bobby Roetzel Yam
SCHBY
Jimilie Fox Yam
Zach Ames Suz
Jonathan Shepherd Suz
Dillon Watkins Suz
Zach Geuy Kaw
125 B
Dillon Watkins Suz
Derek Durbin Suz
Mark Claus Hon
Justin Schmehl Hon
Todd Muntz Hon
125 C
Jonathan Shepherd Suz
Adam McClain Kaw
Rick Crist Kaw
Doug Bridger Kaw
Jason Garber Suz
250 B
Derek Durbin Hon
250 C
Cory Voltz Kaw
Brian Kennard Hon
Scott Shatzer Yam
Kyle Spitler Hon
Chris Slone Kaw
250 2-STRK B
Tony Bersken Hon
Lyle Spitler Hon
Todd Sheaffer Suz
Scott Sifferlin Hon
Greg Benedict Yam
250 4-STRK B
Bryan Passick Hon
Jeff Barker Hon
Bryan Mathis Hon
Mike Patton Hon
Justin Stark Hon
25+
Lenny Smith Hon
Jason Markley Kaw
Kevin Lewis Hon
30+
Jeff McCune Suz
Chris Thomas Hon
Don Edwards Suz
Randy Bostic Yam
Joe Dingess Yam
40+
John Bush Suz
Rick Cain Hon
Boyce McConnell Yam
Roger Counts Hon
OPEN
David Mills Kaw
BMBR
Scott Shatzer Hon
Todd Muntz Hon
Randy Bostic
Vernon Vermillion
Mitchell Davis Hon
EXTRA
Trent Heller Hon
Jimilie Fox Yam
Scott Watkins Suz
Jason Rogers Hon
Larry Bellman Hon

Stadium Motocross
Western Reserve MC
Salem, OH
September 11
By Ken Cartwright

BEG P/W
Weslee Withers Lem
Dakota Santee KTM
Kyle Rudrick KTM
Zachary Knotti Cob
Tyler Fulton Yam
JR P/W
Ricky Smith Cob
Nate Stork Cob
Quinn Wentzel KTM
Nick Risden KTM
SR P/W
Ryan Lucas KTM
Matt Stork Cob
Landen Rust Cob
Ryan Worth Cob
P/W 80
Bill Kubick Yam
Joey Shive Yam
Sarah Gregory Yam
Kourtney Worth Suz
60
Kenny Henry KTM
Ryan Lucas KTM
Johnny Del Balso Kaw
Kyle Gillis Kaw
Jim Morrison Kaw
JR MINI
Dan Kosmerl Yam
Jimmy Berg Hon
Chris Corcoran Suz
Kenny Henry Yam
Billy Bays Kaw
SR MINI
Tyler Bickle Yam
Nick Greier Hon
S/MINI
Dan Kosmerl Yam
Jimmy Berg Hon
Tyler Bickle Yam
Billy Bays Kaw
Bill McKenney Yam
SCHBY
Larry Rust Yam
Josh Knebel Yam
Scott Cartwright Suz
P.J. Jacinovic Hon
Andrew Hull Suz
WMN
Kim Kocher Suz
125 B
Larry Rust Yam
Don Davis Kaw
Dale Pritchard Yam
Dave Kilgore Kaw
Bryan Santee Suz
125 C D-1
Josh Knebel Yam
Steve Mansour Suz
Brent Parks Yam
Mike Christoff Suz
P.J. Jacinovic Hon
125 C D-2
Andrew Hull Suz
Kevin Spence Yam
Scott Cartwright Suz
Mike Smith Kaw
Nathaniel Lasky Suz
250 B
Joe Maretich Yam
Bryon Santee Suz
Matt Mansfield Kaw
Nate Glista Suz
Matt Bores Suz
250 C
Henry Parks Jr. Yam
Brad Simon Hon
Robert Gagich Yam
Norm Into Hon
Jason Kozina Hon
OPEN
Andy Scypta Yam
Ed Kutushin KTM
25+
Kevin Gnapp Hon
Tod Linder Suz
Jimmy Schneider Yam
SR 1
John Del Balso Hon
Bob Brooks Kaw
Ashley Hawkins Suz
Michael Brian Kaw
Ron Bryarly Yain
SR 2
Norm Into Hon
Gary Macuich Yam
Jeff Rudrick KTM
Jerry Santee Yam
Wayne Bays Kaw
L/W MNY
Bo Bowman Kaw
Tony Marzano Suz
Don Davis Kaw
H/W MNY
Bo Bowman Kaw
Joe Maretich Yam
Kevin Gnapp Hon
4-STRK
Andy Sczypta Yaxn
Mike Cosma Hon
BMBR
Rob Buydos Kaw
Scott Hays Hon
Ken Cartwright Yam
R. Wayne Scarberry Suz
EXTRA
Tony Marzano Suz
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Jonathan Bean Hon

Stadium Motocross
Western Reserve MC
1999 Series Champions
Salem, OH
September 11
By Ken Cartwright

BEG P/W
Wesley Withers Yam
BEG P/W 80
William Kubick
JR P/W
Ricky Smith Cob
SR P/W
Matt Stork Cob
60
Johnny Del Balso Kaw
JR MINI
Jimmy Berg Hon
SR MINI
Tyler Bickle Kaw
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SR 1
John Del Balso Hon
SR 2
Norm Into Hon
OPEN
Andy Sczypta Yam
BMBR
Ken Cartwright Yam
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Tony Marzano Suz
4-STRK
Andy Sczypta Yam
WMN
Kimberly Kocher Kaw

Motocross
Village Creek MX Park
Fort Worth, TX
October 2
By Renee Cordray

51 STK SHAFT
Chris Wolfe Yam
Kyle McAdams Yam
Colby Sumpter Yam
Timothy Barnes Yam
Logan Lewis Yam
51 (4-6)
David Bzyant Jr. Cob
Justin Parker Cob
Jacob Warters Suz
Bradley Pipkin
51 (7-8)
Derek Barath Cob
Garrett Sarasin Hus
Stratton Shaffstall KTM
51 OPEN (4-9)
Derek Barath Cob
Tyler Cummings Cob
David Bryant Jr. Cob
Cameron Ishmael KTM
65 (7-9)
Tyler Laske KTM
Derek Barath Kaw
Preston Primm KTM
Cody Harris Kaw
Chris Decker KTM
65 (10-11)
Brandon Pipkin Kaw
Chris Hammonds KTM
Hunter Tatum KTM
Cody Ford Kaw
Tegan Yorek Kaw
65 OPEN (7-11)
Brandon Pipkin Kaw
Chris Hammonds KTM
Cody Ford Kaw
Hunter Tatum KTM
Preston Primm KTM
85 JR (7-11)
Adam Reson Kaw
Jake Miller Kaw
Justin Little Yam
Justin Long Yam
85 SR (12-16)
Sean Howard Hon
Ryan Montgomery Hon
C.T. Dickey Kaw
Matt Lowrimore Kaw
85 BEG (7-16)
Russell Altman Yam
Scott Shirley Yam
Aaron Garner Yam
Morgan McCreary Yam
Chans Smith Hon
85 OPEN (7-16)
Sean Howard Hon
Russell Altman Yam
Ryan Montgomery Hon
Aaron Garner Yam
C.T. Dickey Kaw
125 BEG
Tyson Smith Yam
Tommy Douglas Suz
Corey Boothe Suz
Matt Cerutti Kaw
Cole Barham Hon
125 NOV
Aaron Smith Yam
Caleb Chalmers Hon
Kyle Willard Hon
Clayton Cox Hon
125 OPEN
Caleb Chalmers Hon
Kyle Willard Hon
Corey Boothe Suz
Auston Mallory Yam
Will Stephenson Suz
250 BEG
Mathew Martin Hon
Shannon McKanny Hon
Chet Nix Yam
Brian Keith Hon
Michael Lane Hon
250 NOV
Randy Hayes Kaw
James Hill Yam
Rich Taylor Kaw
David Lowe Kaw
Danny Oznick Hon
250 OPEN
Cody Harris Yam
Cody Thompson Hon
Jason Charlton Hon
James Applegate KTM
25+
Brad Wilson Hon
Randy Skinner Hon
David Fletcher Yam
Joey Resendis Yam
30+ NOV
Brad Gingrey Suz
Craig Marleau Suz
Russell Smith Hon
Joe Rafael Kaw
Randy Terry Hon
30+ INT
Bruce Staples Hon
Jeff Haney Yam
38+
Mark Lamb Hon
C.J. Mullins Hon
Jimmy Peterson Hon
Russell Smith Hon
Eric Hobbs Yam
COMB INT
Bruce Staples Hon
Brett Harlow Hon
PRO
Brad Woolsey Hon
Jason Baird Suz
Bryan Piccerelli Hon
Adam Carroll Yam
CROSS COUNTRY
Cody Harris Yam
James Hill Yam
David Garner KTM
Eric Hobbs Yam
Dana Wright Hon

Short Track
New England DT Series
Jolly Roger MotoSports Park
East Lempster, NH
October 9
By Tony Manx

50 A
Travis Friend Yam
Beau Lirette Yam
Dana Stacy Yam
Alex Lyskawa Suz
50 B
Chris Todd Yam
Amanda Moreau Yam
50 SR
Troy Estabrook Kaw
Brent Lyskawa Lem
James Rispoli Lem
Amanda Moreau Yam
60
Alex Guilbeault Kaw
Troy Estabrook Kaw
Shane Narbone Kaw
Michael Wagner Act
BooBoo Hildebrand Kaw
80
Wayne Wagner Hon
Michael Wagner Act
Andy Reddington Yam
Craig Starzynski Kaw
Kevin Daoust Kaw
100 ADULT
Sean Harvey Hon
Shawn Morin Hon
Jeff Wood Hon
Scott Armstrong Hon
Don Prevost Hon
125 AM
Craig Starzynski Kaw
Wayne Wagner Hon
Scott Armstrong Hon
Eric Satterlee Hon
250 AM
Dave Marcil Hon
Andrew Royce Hon
Ted Brisbois Hon
Joe Seraphin Hon
Eric Casey Kaw
250 PRO
Jack Wagner Hon
Curt Friend Yam
Jody Phelps Hon
Keith Johnson Kaw
Rich Beaureguard Hon
OPEN AM
Bill Wilkes Rtx
Craig Hall Hon
Bob Bertrand Rtx
Phil Rispoli Rtx
Dana Johnson Kaw
OPEN PRO
Roger Durkee Rtx
Mark Thomas H-D
Rob McGirr Yam
Dave Bettencourt Hon
Morgan Coolbeth Rtx
VINT LT
Andrew Royce Hon
Bob Bertrand Bul
David Casey Hon
T. Mann Yam
Ray LaBounty Yam
VINT HVY
Ron Bertrand Bul
Joel Phelps Oss
Yogi Hildebrand BSA
Dave Bettencourt Bul
Don Vietch Yam
SR
Mike Staback Rtx
Ron Bertrand Bul
Jay Ashcroft Rtx
Joel Phelps Rtx
Rich Beaureguard Hon
S/SR
Dave Bettencourt Rtx
Don Prevost ATK
Yogi Hildebrand BSA
Dean Donnell Rtx
Phil Rispoli Rtx

ROAD RACING

FIM 500cc World Championship Road Racing Series
(After 14 of 16 rounds):

1. Alex Criville (Hon), Spain (246/7 wins)
2. Tadayuki Okada (Hon), Japan (202/2 wins)
3. Kenny Roberts Jr. (Suz), Modesto, CA (179/3 wins)
4. Max Biaggi (Yam), Italy (164/1 win)
5. Sete Gibernau (Hon), Spain (144)
6. Carlos Checa (Yam), Spain (112)
7. John Kocinski (Hon), Modesto, CA (103)
8. Tetsuya Harada (Apr), Japan (95)
   Norick Abe (Yam), Japan (95)
10. Regis Laconi (Yam), France (94/1 win)

FIM 250cc World Championship Road Racing Series
(After 14 of 16 rounds):

1. Valentino Rossi (Apr), Italy (268/8 wins)
2. Tohru Ukawa (Hon), Japan (202/2 wins)
3. Shinya Nakano (Yam), Japan (195/1 win)
4. Loris Capirossi (Hon), Italy (193/3 wins)
5. Stefano Perugini (Hon), Italy (130)
6. Franco Baitani (Apr), Italy (121)
7. Ralf Waldmann (Apr), Germany (117)
8. Olivier Jacque (Yam), France (84)
9. Jeremy McWilliams (Apr), England (83)
10. Sebastien Porto (Yam), Italy (75)

FIM 125cc World Championship Road Racing Series
(After 14 of 16 rounds):

1. Emilio Alzamora (Hon), Spain (191/1 win)
2. Marco Melandri (Hon), Italy (181)
3. Masao Azuma (Hon), Japan (180/4 wins)
4. Gianluigi Scalvini (Apr), Italy (154/1 win)
5. Arnaud Vincent (Apr), France (152/1 win)
6. Roberto Locatelli (Apr), Italy (149/2 wins)
7. Noboru Ueda (Hon), Japan (146)
8. Lucio Cecchinello (Hon), Italy (108)
9 Simone Sanna (Hon), Italy (106)
10. Gino Borsoi (Apr) Italy (82)

FIM World Superbike Championship Series
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Carl Fogarty (Duc), England (489/11 wins)
2. Colin Edwards II (Hon), Conroe, TX (361/5 wins)
3. Troy Corser (Duc), Australia (361/3 wins)
4. Aaron Slight (Hon), New Zealand (323)
5. Akira Yanagawa (Kaw), Japan (308/1 win)
6. Pier-Francesco Chili (Suz), Italy (251/2 wins)
7. Noriyuki Haga (Yam), Japan (196/1 win)
8. Gregorio Lavilla (Yam), Spain (156)
9. Katsuaki Fujiwara (Suz), Japan (119)
10. Vittoriano Guareschi (Yam), Italy (99)

AMA MBNA Superbike Series
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Mat Mladin (Suz), Australia (361/1 win)
2. Ben Bostrom (Duc), Granada Hills, CA (351/1 win)
3. Anthony Gobert (Duc), Australia (315/5 wins)
4. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (307/2 wins)
5. Larry Pegram (Duc), Baltimore, OH (283/1 win)
6. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (243)
7. Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (237)
8. Aaron Yates (Kaw), Milledgeville, GA (234)
9. Jamie Hacking (Yam), Boiling Springs, SC (230)
10. Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada (220)

AMA Pro Honda Oils 600cc Supersport Series
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Nicky Hayden (Hon), Owensboro, KY (372/5 wins)
2. Tommy Hayden (Yam), Owensboro, KY (364/3 wins)
3. Kurtis Roberts (Hon), Frederick, MD (300/1 win)
4. Jamie Hacking (Yam), Boiling Springs, SC (285/2 wins)
5. Aaron Yates (Kaw), Milledgeville, GA (267)
6. Josh Hayes (Suz), Gulfport, MS (267)
7. Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada (262)
8. Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA (236)
9. Eric Bostrom (Yam), Granada Hills, CA (226)
10. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (221)

AMA Lockhart Phillips USA 750cc Supersport Series
(After 11 of 11 rounds):

1. Tom Kipp (Suz), Chardon, OH (344/6 wins)
2. Jake Zemke (Suz), Paso Robles, CA (288)
3. Jimmy Moore (Suz), Eugene, OR (274)
4. Grant Lopez (Suz), Chickasaw, AL (252/2 wins)
5. Mario DuHamel (Suz), Canada (247)
6. James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (234)
7. Jamie Bowman (Suz), Tequesta, FL (228)
8. Tommy Hayden (Yam), Owensboro, KY (214/1 win)
9. Brian Parriott (Hon), Calistoga, CA (186)
10. Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY (183)

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AMA Mazda Trucks 250cc Grand Prix Series
(After 10 of 11 rounds):

1. Chuck Sorensen (Yam), San Jose, CA (308/6 wins)
2. Derek King (Hon), Charleston, SC (237/1 win)
3. Chris Ulrich (Yam), Lake Elsinore, CA (222)
4. Quenni King (Yam), Miami, FL (208)
5. Edward Sorbo (Yam), Redlands, CA (183)
6. Jeff Vos (Yam), Holland, MI (179)
7. John France (Hon), West Melbourne, FL (176)
8. Greg Esser (Yam), Pompano Beach, FL (173)
9. Rolando Quintero (Hon), Los Angeles, CA (169)
10. Bruce Lind (Yam), Snohomish, WA (136)

AMA Sunoco Race Fuels Formula Xtreme Series
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Kurtis Roberts (Hon), Frederick, MD (298/3 wins)
2. Nicky Hayden (Hon), Owensboro, KY (280/6 wins)
3. Josh Hayes (Suz), Gulfport, MS (253)
4. Mark Miller (Yam), Long Beach, CA (241)
5. Grant Lopez (Suz), Mobile, AL (231)
6. Rad Greaves (Suz), Ann Arbor, MI (165)
7. Steve Grigg (Kaw), Asheville, NC (162)
8. Clint Brotz (Yam), Sheboygan, WI (148)
9. Takahito Mori (Yam), Lewisville, TX (140)
10. Paul Harrell (Yam), Canyon Country, CA (133)

AMA Progressive Insurance Pro Thunder Series
(After 11 of 11 rounds):

1. Shawn Conrad (Duc), Sheboygan Falls, WI (319)
2. Shawn Higbee (Bue), Waterford, WI (286/3 wins)
3. Tom Hull (Duc), Mesa, AZ (244)
4. Bill St. John (Duc), Cullman, AL (237)
5. Cory Call (Duc), Sacramento, CA (231/1 win)
   Jeffrey Nash (Duc), Mansfield, TX (231)
7. Billy Graef (Bue), Sheboygan, WI (208)
8. James Lickwar (Tri), San Francisco, CA (185)
9. Richie Morris (Bue), Daytona Beach, FL (160)
10. Michael Gage (Tri), Baldwin Place, NY (153)

MOTOCROSS

AMA Mazda Trucks 250cc National Motocross Series
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Greg Albertyn (Suz), South Africa (477/3 wins)
2. Kevin Windham (Hon), Ethel, LA (448/4 wins)
3. Mike LaRocco (Hon), South Bend, IN (406/1 win)
4. Ezra Lusk (Hon), Bainbridge, GA (347/1 win)
5. Jimmy Button (Yam), Lake Elsinore, CA (328/1 win)
6. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (314/1 win)
7. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (298)
8. Larry Ward (Suz), Florence, SC (296)
9. Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK (274)
10. Tim Ferry (Yam), Largo, FL (264)

AMA Mazda Trucks 125cc National Motocross Series
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (549/9 wins)
2. Brock Sellards (Hon), New Philadelphia, OH (396/1 win)
3. Tallon Vohland (Hon), Citrus Heights, CA (390/1 win)
4. Nick Wey (Kaw), Dewitt, MI (328/1 win)
5. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Corona, CA (280)
6. Stephane Roncada (Yam), Menifee, CA (270)
7. Michael Brandes (Suz), Quail Valley, CA (249)
8. Ernesto Fonseca (Yam), Costa Rica (246)
9. Casey Johnson (Yam), Murrieta, CA (231)
10. Casey Lytle (Yam), Santa Clarita, CA (211)

Toyota Truck/Thor/Parts Unlimited AMA Supercross Series
(After 16 of 16 rounds):

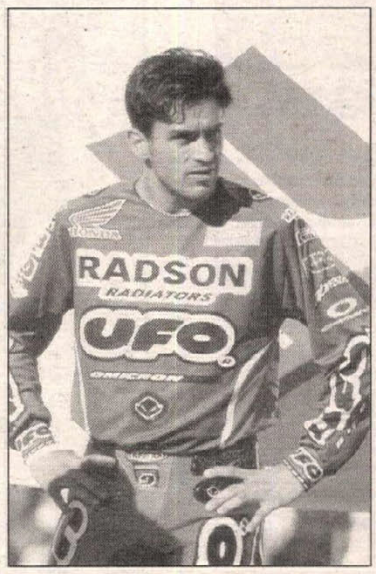
1. Jeremy McGrath (Yam), Menifee, CA (356/8 wins)
2. Ezra Lusk (Hon), Bainbridge, GA (273/5 wins)
3. Mike LaRocco (Hon), South Bend, IN (267)
4. Mickael Pichon (Hon), France (244)
5. Larry Ward (Suz), Florence, SC (240/1 win)
6. Damon Huffman (Kaw), Acton, CA (203)
7. Kevin Windham (Hon), Baton Rouge, LA (166/2 wins)
8. Tim Ferry (Yam), Largo, FL (162)
   Greg Albertyn (Suz), South Africa (162)
10. Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK (155)

AMA Western Regional 125cc Supercross Series
(After 8 of 8 rounds):

1. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Corona, CA (170/5 wins)
2. Casey Lytle (Yam), Saugus, CA (164)
3. Isaiah Johnson (Yam), Albuquerque, NM (112)
4. David Pingree (Suz), Menifee, CA (104/1 win)
5. Michael Brandes (Suz), Quail Valley, CA (103)
6. Ryan Clark (Kaw), Albuquerque, NM (100)
7. Casey Johnson (Yam), Murrieta, CA (94/2 wins)
   Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA (94)
9. Travis Preston (Suz), Hesperia, CA (80)
10. Erick Vallejo (Kaw), Mexico (78)

AMA Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross Series
(After 7 of 7 rounds):

1. Ernesto Fonseca (Yam), Costa Rica (172/6 wins)
2. Nick Wey (Kaw), Dewitt, MI (119)
3. Robbie Horton (Hon), Blountville, TN (103)
4. Brock Sellards (Hon), New Philadelphia, OH (98/1 win)
5. Danny Smith (Hon), Eagle, ID (88)
6. Jim Neese (Yam), Greensboro, NC (79)
7. Jiri Dostal (Suz), Quail Valley, CA (77)
8. Joseph Oehlhof (KTM), Wapakoneta, OH (73)
9. Jason Thomas (Yam), Melrose, FL (67)
10. Kelly Smith (KTM), Ludington, MI (66)



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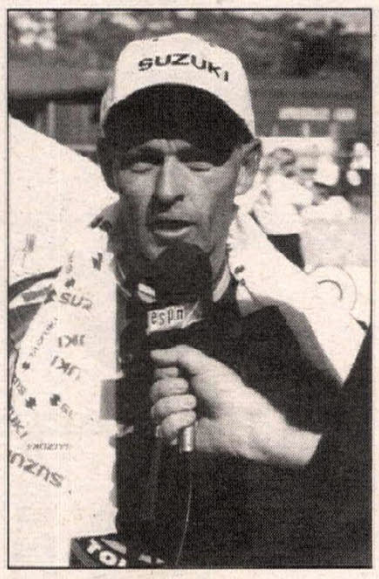
FIM 125cc World Championship Series
(After 12 of 13 rounds):

1. Alessio Chiodi (Hus), Italy (375/7 wins)
2. Claudio Federici (Yam), Italy (342/2 wins)
3. Mike Brown (Hon), Piney Flats, TN (234)
4. James Dobb (Suz), Great Britain (187)
5. Thomas Traversini (Hus), Italy (184)
6. Steve Ramon (Kaw), Belgium (166)
7. Patrick Caps (Hon), Belgium (155)
8. Jeff Dement (Hon), Spring, TX (127)
9. Grant Langston (KTM), Russia (113/1 win)
10. Luigi Seguy (Hon), France (98)

FIM 250cc World Championship Series
(After 16 of 16 rounds):

1. Frederic Bolley (Hon), France (442/4 wins)
2. Pit Beirer (Kaw), Germany (424/2 wins)
3. David Vullemin (Yam), France (379/1 win)
4. Ryan Hughes (Hon), Temecula, CA (375)
5. Marnicq Bervoets (Kaw), Germany (278/3 wins)
6. Mickael Maschio (Yam), France (265)
7. Joshua Coppins (Suz), New Zealand (257)
8. Leon Geisbers (Suz), Holland (188)
9. Remy Van Rees (Kaw), Netherlands (164)
10. Alessandro Belometti (Yam), Italy (124)



STEVE MOREHEAD

FIM 500cc World Championship Series
(After 11 of 13 rounds):

1. Andrea Bartolini (Yam), Italy (316/2 wins)
2. Peter Johansson (KTM), Sweden (257/2 wins)
3. Yves Demaria (Hus), France (219/1 win)
4. Joel Smets (Hbg), Belgium (215/3 wins)
5. Alessandro Puzar (Yam), Italy (173)
6. Francisco Garcia Vico (Yam), Spain (166)
7. Shayne King (KTM), New Zealand (164)
8. Miska Altonen (Yam), Finland (153)
9. Chris Burnham (Hon), England (121)
10. Trampas Parker (KTM), USA (118)

DIRT TRACK

AMA Grand National Dirt Track Series
(After 19 of 19 rounds):

1. Chris Carr (H-D), Fleetwood, PA (329/5 wins)
2. Rich King (H-D), Dysart, IA (264/4 wins)
3. Will Davis (H-D), Goldsboro, NC (223/3 wins)
4. Scott Parker (H-D), Swartz Creek, MI (218/2 wins)
5. Joe Kopp (H-D), Mica, WA (184/1 win)
6. Bryan Bigelow (H-D), Au Gres, MI (179)
7. Jay Springsteen (H-D), Lapeer, MI (171/1 win)
8. George Roeder II (H-D), Monroeville, OH (166)
9. Nicky Hayden (H-D), Owensboro, KY (149/1 win)
10. Steve Morehead (H-D), Findlay, OH (125)

AMA SuperTrapp SuperTracker Series
(After 10 of 10 rounds):

1. Joe Kopp (Suz), Mica, WA (162/5 wins)
2. Steve Morehead (Suz), Findlay, OH (152/2 wins)
3. J.R. Schnabel (Suz), West Bend, WI (138/2 wins)
4. Mike Hacker (H-D), Prince George, VA (75)
5. Robert Miller (Suz), New Holland, PA (74)
6. Brett Landes (Duc), Los Gatos, CA (73)
7. Roy Miller (H-D), New Holland, PA (70)
8. Gary Rogers (H-D), San Jose, CA (67)
9. Robert Buffington (Suz), Prairie Du Chien, WI (66)
10. Brian Kromroy (Bue), Madison, WI (65)

AMA Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance Series
(After 15 of 15 rounds):

1. Willie McCoy, Richardson, TX (217/4 wins)
2. Shaun Russell, San Jose, CA (214/3 wins)
3. Billy Martin, Stockton, CA (162/1 win)
4. Gary Rogers, San Jose, CA (147/2 wins)
5. Robert Miller, New Holland, PA (118)
6. Paul Bergstrom, San Mateo, CA (98)
7. James Hart, Sandoval, IL (91)
8. Jess Roeder, Monroeville, OH (90/2 wins)
9. Yuhiko Hirao, Japan (75)
10. Michelle DiSalvo, Waterford, CA (74)

OFF ROAD

AMA National Championship Hare Scrambles Series
(After 9 of 9 rounds):

1. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (198/3 wins)
2. Brian Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (167/2 wins)
3. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (97)
4. Shane Watts (KTM), Australia (85/2 wins)
5. Scott D. McLaughlin (Yam), Sedro Woolley, WA (80)
6. Erik Kohler (Yam), Sacramento, CA (68)
7. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (57/1 win)
8. Fred Andrews (Kaw), Salem, OH (55/1 win)
9. Eric Ducray (Yam), Sacramento, CA (53)
10. Craig Wesner (Kaw), Windsor, CA (50)

AMA Acerbis National Enduro Series
(After 13 of 15 rounds):

1. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (317/4 wins)
2. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (247/2 wins)
3. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (183)
4. Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ (171)
5. Brian Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (126)
6. David Lykke (Yam), Bellingham, WA (121)
7. Fred Andrews (Kaw), Salem, OH (106/1 win)
8. Matt Stavish (Hon), Blaine, MN (96)
9. Russell Pearson (KTM), Las Vegas, NV (94)
10. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (91/1 win)

AMA Grand National Cross Country Series
(After 12 of 13 rounds):

1. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (174/4 wins)
2. Fred Andrews (Kaw), Salem, OH (165/2 wins)
2. Steve Hatch (Suz), Phoenix, AZ (160)
4. Barry Hawk Jr. (Yam), Uniontown, PA (139)
5. Paul Edmondson (Suz), England (121)
6. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (120)
7. Shane Watts (KTM), Australia (119/5 wins)
8. Robbie Jenks (Yam) (107)
9. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (105)
10. Joel Dengler (Suz), NJ (101)

AMA National Championship Hare & Hound Series
(After 6 of 7 rounds):

1. Brian Brown (Kaw), Nampa, ID (152/2 wins)
2. Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ (136/3 wins)
3. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (112/1 win)
4. Russell Pearson (Yam), Las Vegas, NV (79)
5. Shane Esposito (Kaw), Reno, NV (74)
6. Dan Richardson (Kaw), Fountain Valley, CA (72)
7. Oakley Lehman (Kaw), Sunland, CA (64)
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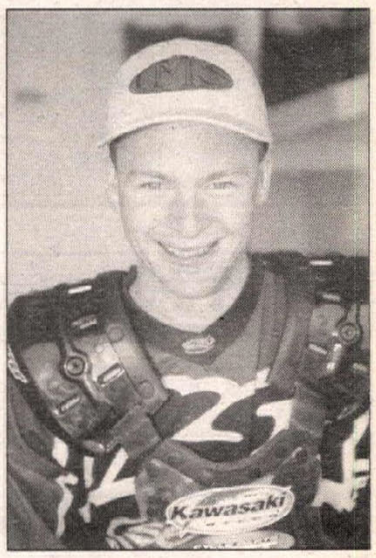

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AMA National Championship Observed Trials Series
(After 9 of 11 rounds):

1. Tommi Ahavla (G-G), Kansas City, MO (210/7 wins)
   Geoff Aaron (Bet), Alpine, CA (210)
3. Raymond Peters (G-G), Beaver Dams, NY (202/2 wins)
4. Ryon Bell (Mon), Canada (188)
5. Travis Fox (G-G), Montoursville, PA (123)
6. Dennis Sweeten (Mon), Oregon City, OR (110)
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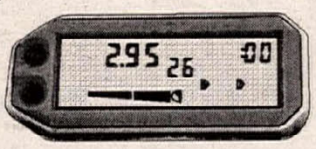

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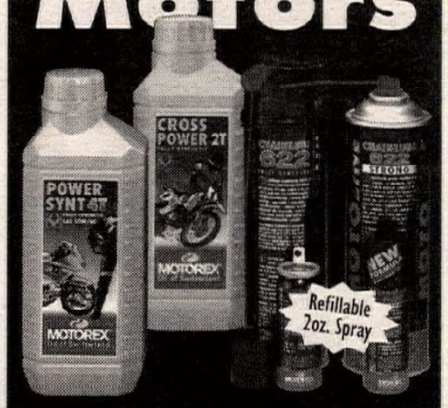

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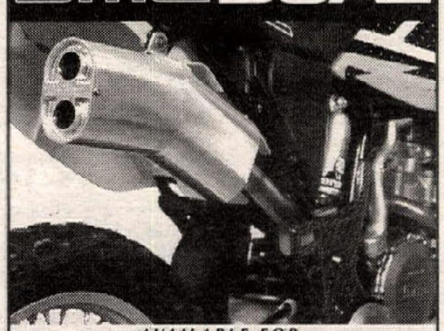

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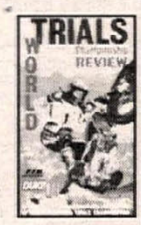

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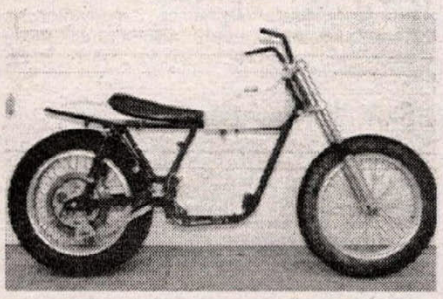

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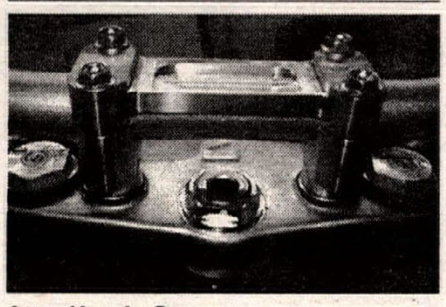

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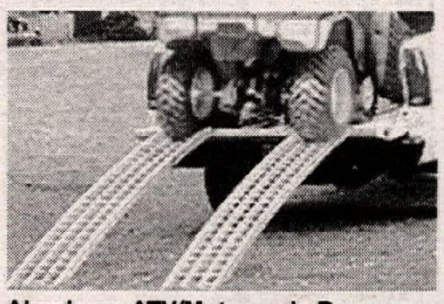

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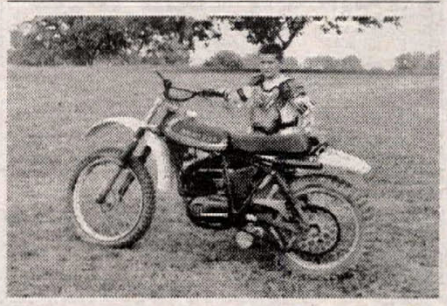

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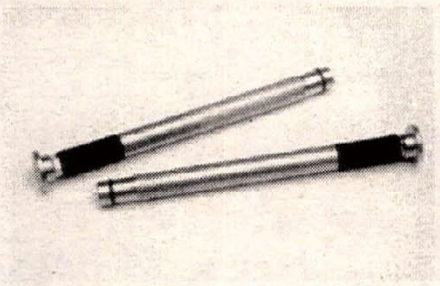

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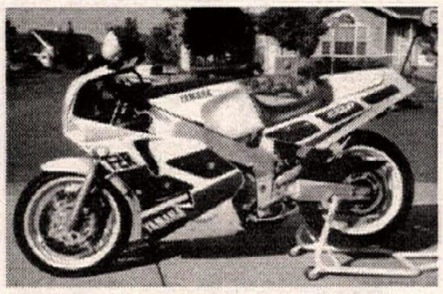

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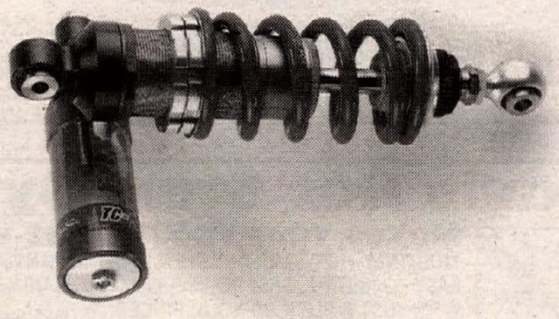

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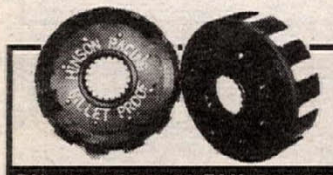

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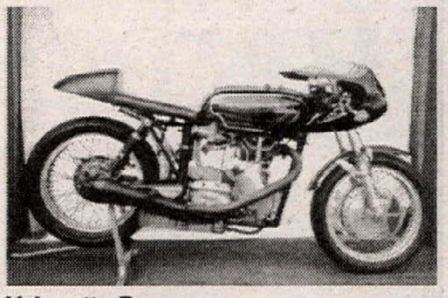

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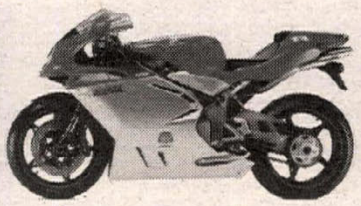

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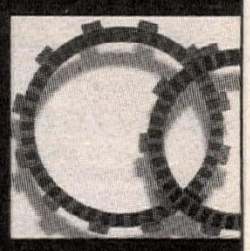

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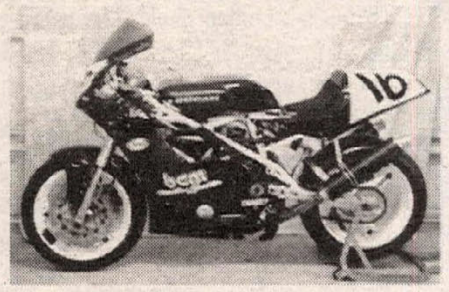

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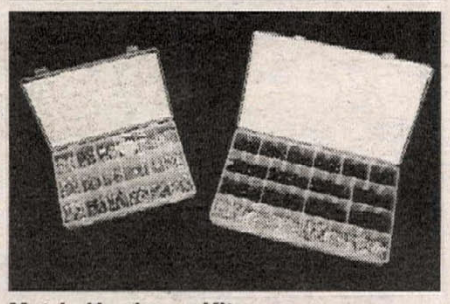

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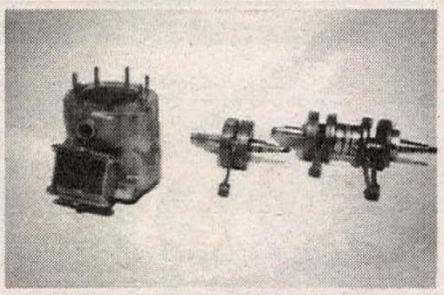

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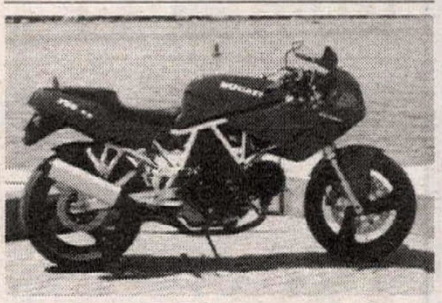

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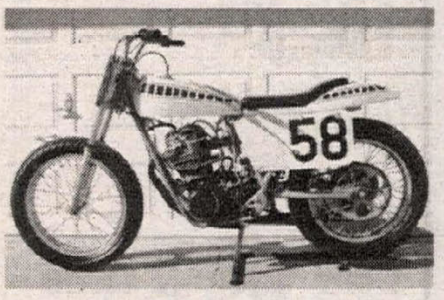

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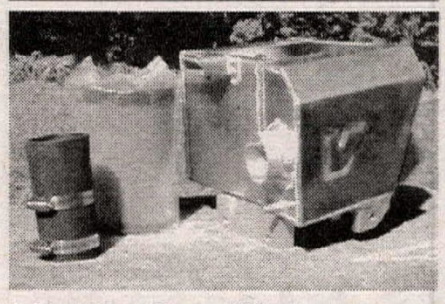

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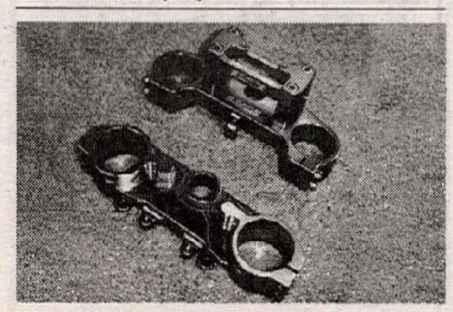

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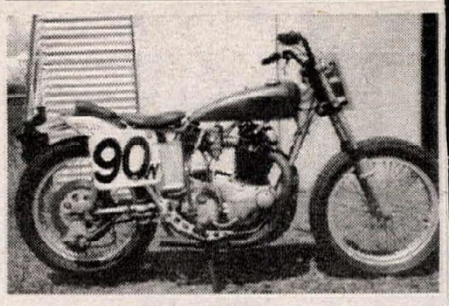

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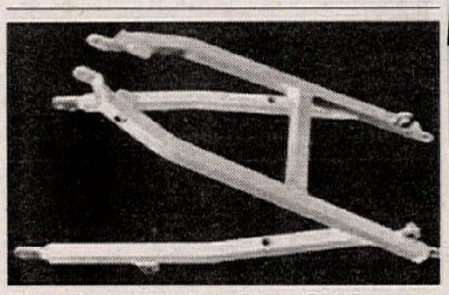

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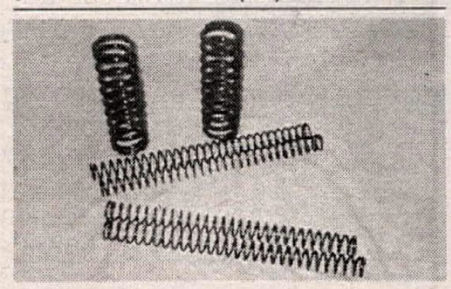

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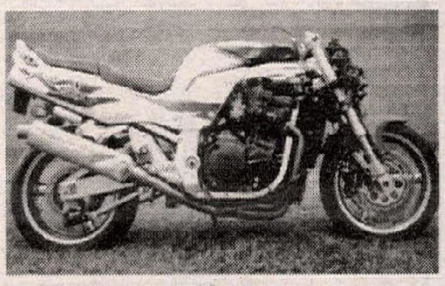

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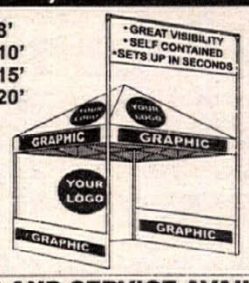

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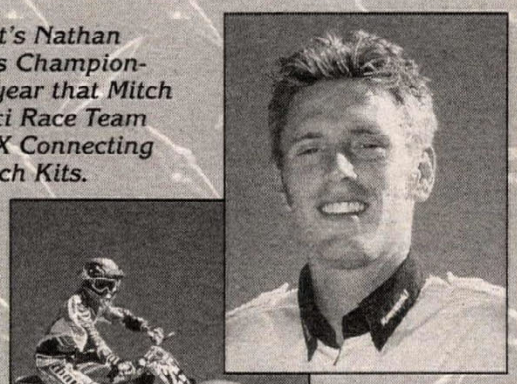

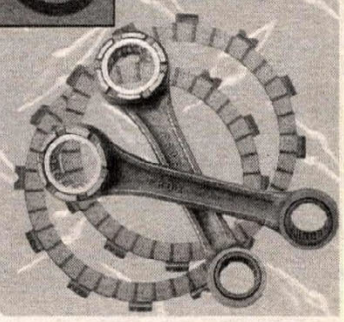

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Off the Road

BY MATT FREEMAN

In issue number 41 (October 2), we printed a letter in our "Voices" section titled "Ty breaker," by Lloyd Williams from Bradley, Illinois. Following Mr. Williams' letter to the editor there was an unusually long response from myself. Normally our editor in chief, Paul Carruthers, responds to letters to the editor with a short, quirky, italicized answer, more often than not laced with either humor, sarcasm, or both. However, on the day that particular issue went to print, Paul was out sick, so I took it upon myself to respond to Mr. Williams' letter.

Managing editor Chris Jonnum felt that my response was long and somewhat sharp-tongued, so he advised that I should include my name after the response instead of the word "Editor" - in hopes of saving Paul from any backlash that might occur when the issue hit mail boxes and dealerships across the country. I agreed and proudly typed *"...Matt Freeman, Associate Editor"* after the response.

My main concern was that Paul would come back to work on Tuesday, see what I had done and ask his patented, "At what point did you (fill in the accusative reprimand)?" Then he would either forbid me from touching the "Voices" page ever again, start an office-wide crusade ridiculing me for being the sole protector of those filthy off-road racers, or just fire me. Either way, I was prepared for the consequences, and as it turns out, none of them occurred. No one in the office said a thing about it. My response obviously had no impact.

The aforementioned letter was in regard to Ty Davis and the AMA National Enduro Series. Lloyd Williams addressed the fact that the newly crowned enduro champion was not present at the New Waverly, Texas, round of the series and, because of that, he thought that Davis was a sore winner, a whiner with a bad attitude - even though Davis had already sewn up the championship. For reasons known only to those who work in the *Cycle News* office, I often feel the angst of my teenage years on Mondays, the day that the paper officially ships to the printer. If I had read Mr. Williams' letter on any other day of the week, my response may have been more watered down, sugar-coated, or even humorous. Instead, I researched race dates, called Davis on the phone to confirm some facts, found out that he had been ill for the past two weeks, and went with my natural instinct to viciously protect the integrity of off-road racers. Personally, I get tired of the negative letters and the lack of respect that off-road racers receive, so I guess you can say I just snapped.

However, after the issue came out, I felt a little guilty about the response, and hoped that I hadn't cost us a reader by offending or embarrassing Mr. Williams. I actually started to feel bad about it until I talked to a few hard-core racers throughout the week and over the weekend. They supported my view, and we all agreed that preparing for and competing in several different types of off-road racing is complicated and requires a lot of hard work. That is exactly what off-road professionals like Davis are all about - hard work. Because of that, they shouldn't be criticized by race fans for not showing up to a round held halfway across the country. No tickets are sold to watch national enduros or hare and hounds, so whether one fan shows up or hundreds, the event will most likely go on year after year or be relocated to a different area.

Professional off-roaders and athletes should also not be criticized for voicing their opinion about a sport in which they make their living. I sure wouldn't blame Steve Young if he pleaded with the NFL to protect quarterbacks a little more, or if he campaigned to improve the quality of football helmets.

After talking about the vigors of chasing just one National, or regional off-road series, my racer friends and I started to discuss the difference between an off-road racer and a motorcycle rider. We came to the conclusion that there is a huge difference between the two factions, and that people who just ride for fun or race on occasion may not understand the lifestyle or mindset of a true competitive racer. We decided that you don't have to compete in a big national series to be a true racer, and you don't even have to be of professional or expert status. There are numerous points-paying amateur off-road series across the country. If you follow just one, or if you jump from event to event with the intent to win and have fun at the same time, you are a racer and our hats are off to you.

Your program, I'm certain, is just as important to you as a professional's program is to the pro - although the budget involved obviously varies quite a bit. But you do understand the hard work and long hours of preparation that goes into building a competitive bike, maintaining it, and physically being able to race it without getting tired or dropping out of the race. If you race a hare scrambles one weekend, an enduro the next, and a grand prix or motocross the weekend after that, then you most likely either have two totally different bikes to work on, or you put twice the time and double the money into maintaining just one motorcycle. You are aware of how tricky it is to ride in mud one weekend, sand the next, then rocks, and possibly dusty, high-speed dirt roads the weekend after that. If you could do anything or suggest anything for your particular series that may make your life easier, or better your chances of winning, or make the events more fun, I'm sure you would.

Racers like Davis, Russell Pearson, Destry Abbott and Brian Brown race in a greater variety of terrain than any other racers in this country. From the 100-mph-plus dusty Nevada desert to the tight and technical muddy terrain of Tennessee, the conditions in which they compete are worlds apart. Also, they all served on the United States ISDE Trophy or Vase teams, making them America's world ambassadors to off-road racing. They are the kind of guys who witness what other countries' race efforts are like, so I would expect them to come back from the Six Days with tons of input. If the input reflects negatively on the AMA, or on the effort of America's motorcycle industry toward the Six Days, they can't help it. They also can't hide what they've seen. Still, every time I see one of our riders who represented the U.S. on a trophy team or a club team, I want to shake his hand and thank him for representing American off-road racers in an international event.

Personally, I take offense when someone takes a shot at any kind of racer, because in the off-road world, racers tend to flock together like some sort of surrogate family. Sure, beating one another is of the utmost importance, but helping one another out is way up there as well.

When I first started racing the District 37 series in my late teens, I joined the Dirt Diggers Motorcycle Club in order to receive quick pit stops and a tow back to my truck if my bike should seize in the middle of the desert. Little did I know that I was about to gain more than just a splash of gas and the end of a buddy-tow. Everywhere I looked, people were helping one another. Guys were ending their own race in order to assist an injured rider. People I practically didn't even know were offering their practice bike to me when mine was broken. Food and shelter were never hard to come by, and neither was constructive advice on bike maintenance or riding style. Coming from a somewhat rough town and school system, I couldn't figure out at first why everyone was being so nice to one another. In time I started traveling to out-of-state races, and the camaraderie was the same there as it was at my home races. Still, to this day, I haven't found a level of cooperation and goodwill like I have among the off-road racing fraternity.

One time when I was a cash-poor college student, I drove two hours to a race, unknowingly with an expired AMA card, and only had enough money to pay for my entry fee. All of my racer friends pitched in and we came up with the $29 that I needed to renew my membership. It wasn't a fortune, but it still meant a lot to me. I kind of feel like I owe off-road racing and its participants something in return because of how rewarding it has been to me over the years. Just for the heck of it, I called the AMA to see if a Lloyd Williams from Bradley, Illinois, was a competition-card-holding AMA member, who might also be a racer. The lady there checked her computer and couldn't come up with a match, so I am offering to buy Mr. Williams a $29 membership to the AMA as an offer of goodwill. Then, if he so desires, he can also reap the off-road racing rewards that my friends, Ty Davis and myself have received.

The offer is good until September of 2000 - because that's when the membership fee goes up $10.

Looking Back

30 YEARS AGO...
NOVEMBER 4, 1969

Four-time World Speedway Champion **Barry Briggs** and reigning World Speedway Champion **Ivan Mauger** paid a visit to the Southern California speedway circuit to do battle with the American riders in Santa Barbara. The Euros dominated the event, as Mauger took the Scratch main, Mauger and Briggs beat **Rick Woods** and **DeWayne Keeter** in match race action. American rider John Fishburn managed to win the Handicap main from the tapes, while Briggs came from the 120 yard line to just miss out on the victory himself... It was no easier for the Americans on the Inter-Am MX Series, as the top European factory stars claimed the first eight places at the stop in Larue, Ohio... Mike Patrick (Yam) caught and passed J.N. Roberts (Hus) to win the 80-mile Billy Goat Hare & Hound in Lucerne Valley, California. We profiled former Honda national sales manager **Jack McCormack,** who discussed his plans for his new company, American Eagle.

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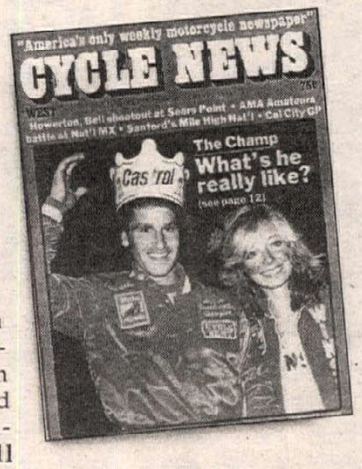

Newly crowned AMA Grand National Champion Steve Eklund was our man on the cover of this Issue #42. *CN* reporter Gary Van Voorhis spent a week with Eklund, gaining insight into the man who stopped Jay Springsteen's bid for a fourth straight AMA Grand National Championship... **Mike Bell** (Yam) won the battle at the final round of the Trans-USA MX Series, but **Kent Howerton** (Suz) won the war. Bell swept both motos of the final round at Sears Point International Raceway in Sonoma, California, but Howerton clinched the series championship via 3-4 scores for third overall... **Don Sanford** (Mai) posted a perfect score to win the Mile High National Enduro in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. **Dick Burleson** (Hus) was second, and Drew Smith (Suz) was third... **Bruce Ogilivie** (Yam) dominated the So Cal M.C.'s California City Grand Prix in the Mojave Desert.

10 YEARS AGO...
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Jeff Ward made history twice by finishing third in the first moto at the final round of the AMA National Championship 500cc MX Series at the Unadilla Valley Sports Center in New York. The finish allowed him to clinch the 500cc National MX title, thus making him the first rider in history to win all four major AMA National MX titles (125cc, 250cc, 500cc and 250cc Supercross). At 28 years of age, Ward also became the oldest rider ever to win an AMA National MX title. **Jean-Michel Bayle** (Hon) scored the overall win in the class... **Mike Kiedrowski** (Hon) wrapped the AMA National Championship 125cc MX crown after finishing second overall to **Damon Bradshaw** (Yam) on the same day at Unadilla... We interviewed former World 500cc Road Racing Champion **Wayne Gardner**, who was getting prepared for an attempt at regaining the title that he won in 1987... American speedway racer **Shawn Moran** (GM) won the British League Riders Championship in England. *CN*

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